



Qualitätssicherung. **Vom Erzeuger bis zur Ladentheke.**

Participate in the QS scheme with GLOBALG.A.P. Option 2 certificates



The **GLOBALG.A.P. Option 2 certificate** (group certification) is **recognized** by QS. **Certificate owners** and the corresponding **producers** can participate in the QS scheme, if their registered offices and production sites are within the **European Union**. They have to be certified against **GLOBALG.A.P. Option 2** for at least **two years** and fulfill the following requirements.

Requirements:

- All producers registered for QS participate in the **QS residue monitoring**.
- The number of external **controls** specified in the GLOBALG.A.P. **inspection system** (General Regulations) is applied to all **producers** registered for QS.
- All QS registered **products are certified**. (The participation is not possible for producers with parallel production of certified and non-certified products.)

Steps to participate in the QS scheme:

1. A **QS coordinator** (certificate holder or a commissioned third party) functions as a link between QS and the producers respectively certificate holder. He registers them in the database of the QS scheme (including address, GGN, cultures and certificate validity). It is possible to register the whole group or a certain number of producers of one group. Prior to the confirmation of the initial registration of producers with Option 2 certificates, the coordinator will be **advised by QS**.
2. The **certificate holder** signs an **agreement to participate in the QS scheme** (see declaration of participation example at www.q-s.de/en/).
3. The certificate holder ensures that all producers registered for QS have agreed to the **terms and conditions of QS**.
4. The coordinator informs the **certification body** that has issued the current GLOBALG.A.P. certificate about the producers registered for QS. He makes sure that the GLOBALG.A.P. **inspection system** is applied to the **producers** registered for QS. If additional inspections are required, the coordinator (in consultation with the certificate holder) instructs the certification body to perform them.



Certificate holder and producers are displayed in the database and scheme participant search of the QS scheme (via the QS ID, OGK or GGN number).

Goods can be delivered into the QS scheme.



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Requirements for labeling goods with the QS certification mark:

- QS will allow to label goods with the QS certification mark, if the certificate holder and the producers registered for QS have been **successfully participating in the QS scheme** for at least **one year**.
- With the use of the QS certification mark further requirements apply:
 - Producers with a **complaint in the QS residue monitoring** receive an additional unannounced inspection. The according to the GLOBALG.A.P. inspection system allowed reduction of announced inspections is no longer possible.
 - Producers who do not pass the **unannounced inspection** (= surveillance inspection) immediately (on the day of the inspection) will receive an additional unannounced GLOBALG.A.P. inspection in the next certification cycle.
 - At least 2/3 of the producers registered for QS have passed the **unannounced inspections** on the day of the inspection in the current certification cycle. If this is not the case, the number of unannounced GLOBALG.A.P. inspections has to be doubled.
 - Producers who purchase uncertified products of the same product that they grow in a certified production process (= parallel ownership) receive announced GLOBALG.A.P. inspections annually.

If **additional GLOBALG.A.P. inspections** are required, they must be performed by the certification body responsible for the GLOBALG.A.P. certificate. The commission takes place via the coordinator (in consultation with the certificate holder).

The QS scheme is a quality scheme for food from farm to shop. The QS guidelines set strict, verifiable production requirements for all stages of the supply chain - from the grower to the food retailer. The multi-step inspection of these criteria and the traceability of the products characterize the QS scheme. Currently, more than 31,000 companies of the fruit and vegetables supply chain have decided to participate in the QS scheme.

You can find more information on QS and how to participate in the QS scheme with a GLOBALG.A.P. Option 1 certificate here: www.q-s.de/en/

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