

To: CanadaGAP Stakeholders

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**Subject:** Release of Version 9.0 CanadaGAP Audit Checklist for 2021

## CanadaGAP Audit Checklist - Release of Version 9.0

Version 9.0 of the CanadaGAP Audit Checklist for 2021 can now be accessed on the CanadaGAP website. A revisions document showing the changes between Versions 8.0 and 9.0 is also available for download at <a href="https://www.canadagap.ca/audit-checklist/">www.canadagap.ca/audit-checklist/</a>

Version 9.0 of the CanadaGAP Audit Checklist comes into effect April 1st, 2021.

## Reminder of 2021 Program Change

A reminder that there will be a significant change to the audit passing score for CanadaGAP program participants who are certified to a GFSI-recognized option. These certification options include:

- Option B (Group Certification)
- Option C (Annual Audit)
- Option D for Repacking and Wholesaling

Starting April 1st, those requiring GFSI-recognized certificates must comply 100% with the audit checklist requirements. During the audit if full points have not been awarded for a requirement, corrective actions will need to be taken before certification can be granted. For more information, please refer to the <a href="Corrective Actions">'Corrective Actions'</a> page on the CanadaGAP website.

## **Additional Documents for 2021**

Other CanadaGAP documents relevant to auditing activities have been updated to Version 9.0 for the 2021 season. The new versions of the following documents also come into effect **April 1**st, **2021**.

- The Self-Declaration and Self-Assessment Checklist can be downloaded at
   <u>www.canadagap.ca/audit-checklist/self-assessment/</u>. In addition to the Word copy, there is a
   fillable PDF version of the Self-Declaration and Self-Assessment checklist for operations who
   would like to complete their checklist electronically. Detailed instructions on using the electronic
   version are available on the website.
- The Group Management System Checklist is available at <u>www.canadagap.ca/audit-checklist/</u> for operations enrolled in certification option B.
- The Management System Checklist for Multi-site Operations enrolled in certification options A1,
   A2, C and D can be downloaded at www.canadagap.ca/audit-checklist/.

We appreciate your continued commitment to the CanadaGAP program. If you have any questions, please **contact your certification body** or the CanadaGAP office by calling 613-829-4711 or emailing **info@canadagap.ca.** 

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