

**To:** CanadaGAP Stakeholders  
**Date:** July 30, 2021  
**Subject:** **Correction Notice – Version 9.0 CanadaGAP Fruit and Vegetable Food Safety Manual**

## CORRECTION NOTICE

Please note that changes have been made to the CanadaGAP Fruit and Vegetable Food Safety Manual Version 9.0 (2021). These changes only apply to **cucumbers and peppers sent for pickling**. Operations not involved in this scope are NOT affected by this correction notice.

The changes relate to the requirements surrounding sourced product in Section 19.1 *Selecting/Purchasing and Receiving Harvested/Market Product*. Cucumbers and peppers sent for pickling (that are processed with a kill step) now have different requirements regarding sourced product.

There are two new requirements in Section 19.1 that state:

***FOR CUCUMBERS AND PEPPERS SENT FOR PICKLING (Processed with a kill step):***

- The person responsible selects/purchases harvested product from operations with a credible food safety program (e.g., operations that have received second party food safety audits, operations that have conducted thorough internal audits)*
- The person responsible receives only the harvested product that was selected/purchased along with written evidence (e.g., audit report) from the audited operation (File under Tab: Other)*

The following two requirements no longer apply to cucumbers and peppers sent for pickling:

- *The person responsible selects/purchases harvested/market product from operations that have successfully completed one of the options below and requests a copy of a current/valid certificate:*
  - CanadaGAP*
  - Other industry recognized third party food safety audit/certification*
- The person responsible receives only the harvested/market product that was selected/purchased along with the certificate (one certificate per season per supplier) (File under Tab: Letters of Assurance/Certificates)*

Updated copies of the Fruit and Vegetable are now available on the website at [www.canadagap.ca/manuals/downloads](http://www.canadagap.ca/manuals/downloads).

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The CanadaGAP audit checklist on the website has also been updated to reflect these changes. Question P1 on the audit checklist has been changed as follows (see red text below):

<p>P1)                  N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Product is not sourced from other operations  <i>If product is sourced, choose one of the two options below:</i>  <b>FOR ALL COMMODITIES EXCEPT FOR CUCUMBERS AND PEPPERS SENT FOR PICKLING</b>                  Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>                  INC <input type="checkbox"/>                  When selecting/purchasing harvested/market product from another source, product is from CanadaGAP-certified operations or from operations that have successfully completed another industry recognized third party food safety audit/certification?</p>	<p>Current/ Valid Certificate</p>	<p><b>If ANY certificate is missing the most the operation can score is 5/20.</b>                  For brokerage operations, if any certificates are missing, scoring is not automatically 5/20. Points can be assigned between 1 and 19.</p>
<p><b>FOR CUCUMBERS AND PEPPERS SENT FOR PICKLING</b>                  Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>                  When selecting/purchasing harvested product from another source, product is from operations with a credible food safety program?</p>	<p>Credible written evidence</p>	<p><b>For cucumbers and peppers sent for pickling ONLY:</b>                  Scoring for this question is all or nothing.                  Examples of credible written evidence may be second party food safety audit reports, copies of internal audits, etc.</p>

The new requirement applicable ONLY to cucumbers and peppers sent for pickling is now an autofail. This is indicated by the yellow highlighting. The new autofail also appears on the “Automatic Failure Items” page found at the beginning of the audit checklist (page 6).

Please contact [info@canadagap.ca](mailto:info@canadagap.ca) with any questions.

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