

Subject: CanadaGAP communiqué – Changes to the CanadaGAP Program for 2015

CanadaGAP Stakeholders:

The CanadaGAP Board, in consultation with its Stakeholder Advisory Committee, has determined that a significant change to the CanadaGAP program will take effect in 2015.

Starting April 1, 2015 CanadaGAP auditors will be looking for assurance that packing, repacking, storage and wholesale operations seeking CanadaGAP certification have sourced their product from suppliers who are also certified to CanadaGAP or to another industry-recognized third party food safety audit/certification.

“The time is right for this change,” noted Jack Bates, chair of the CanadaGAP Board. “The Board is unanimous in seeing this as the next logical step to maintain the rigour and integrity that has come to be associated with CanadaGAP certification.”

The next release of the CanadaGAP manuals (2015) will reflect these revisions. The requirement for sourcing product in Section 19.1 will state:

- *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 2015 version of the CanadaGAP audit checklist will also reflect these changes.

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