To: CanadaGAP Stakeholders

Date: December 16, 2024

Subject: **Food Safety Solutions Offers Training Opportunities for the CanadaGAP Program**

Food Safety Solutions is offering two different courses for the CanadaGAP Program in the first months of 2025:

- CanadaGAP Auditor Training course
- Understanding the CanadaGAP Program course – two sessions planned

CanadaGAP Auditor Training Course

The CanadaGAP Auditor Training course will be offered online March 31 through April 4, 2025. Register early to avoid disappointment!

Course details
• **In English** • March 31-April 4, 2025 • 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (MDT) • Cost: $1575.00 + tax • Register here: foodsafetysolutions.ca/product/canadagap-auditor-training-march-2025/ • Contact: info@foodsafetysolutions.ca

What does the course offer?

- Intensive review of CanadaGAP manual requirements
- Practical examples specific to commodity or region, and optional units for HACCP and on auditing repacking and wholesaling operations
- **Digital copies of the course materials, virtual training and pre-exam review**

How will the exams be administered?

- The exams (CanadaGAP Auditor Exam, HACCP Exam (optional), and Repacking and Wholesaling Exam (optional)) will be available to write online in a proctored setting **after the course is complete**. Exam details and proctoring information will be made available before the end of the course.
- **Note: there is extra cost to take the exam online (cost covers proctoring fee per exam). Course registration does not include exam proctoring fees.**

CanadaGAP® is a program developed in Canada to promote Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) for fruit and vegetable suppliers.

What are the system requirements to participate in the training?

- Computer (Windows or macOS)
- An internet connection – broadband wired or wireless (3G or 4G/LTE)
- Speakers and a microphone – built-in, USB plug-in, or wireless Bluetooth
- A webcam or HD webcam - built-in, USB plug-in

Who should take this course?

- Those interested in becoming CanadaGAP auditors
- Group internal auditors conducting on-site audits for CanadaGAP group certification
- Those conducting internal audits in preparation for CanadaGAP certification
- Those responsible for the food safety program within your company
- Program participants who want to further their understanding of CanadaGAP requirements
- Consultants, buyers or other stakeholders

What are the pre-qualifying requirements?

- Familiarize yourself with the CanadaGAP Food Safety Manual in advance of the training
- Successfully complete the pre-course assignment and submit it at least ten business days before the course starts
- **It is preferable for trainees to have completed applicable pre-requisite courses (HACCP training and training in audit techniques) prior to taking CanadaGAP auditor training. Review the CanadaGAP auditor qualifications and requirements.**
- Contact the certification body you want to work for to understand their auditor qualification process

What's in it for me?

- Understand how to use the CanadaGAP manuals and their requirements
- Identify how to use the CanadaGAP audit checklist
- Describe the hazards associated with fresh produce
- Recognize the basic responsibilities of being an auditor and review basic auditing skills
- Understand the basics of HACCP
- Discuss principles of risk assessment and how they apply to CanadaGAP audits
- Explain various pieces of legislation that affect Canadian operations
- Understand how to read and interpret different kinds of records and documents

Understanding the CanadaGAP Program

Food Safety Solutions is also offering the Understanding the CanadaGAP Program course online twice:

- February 4-5, 2025
- May 7-8, 2025

This two-day introductory course is designed to educate attendees on the CanadaGAP Food Safety Program. It includes general information about the CanadaGAP program, certification and an overview of the main technical requirements.

*Please note, the Understanding the CanadaGAP Program course is **not** equivalent to the CanadaGAP Auditor Training Course. Participation in the Understanding the CanadaGAP Program course cannot be used to meet the CanadaGAP auditor requirements. Please visit the CanadaGAP website for additional information.

Course details	
• **In English** • February 4-5, 2025 • 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM (MDT) • Cost: $650.00 + tax • Register here: foodsafetysolutions.ca/product/understanding-the-canadagap-program-training-feb-2025/ • Contact: info@foodsafetysolutions.ca	• **In English** • May 7-8, 2025 • 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM (MDT) • Cost: $650.00 + tax • Register here: foodsafetysolutions.ca/product/understanding-the-canadagap-program-training-may-2025/ • Contact: info@foodsafetysolutions.ca

How will I benefit from this course?

- Understand how to become certified to the CanadaGAP Program (how to enrol in the program; how to keep records; how to prepare for an audit, etc.)
- Understand basic food safety hazards in fresh produce operations
- Understand how to use and implement the CanadaGAP Food Safety Manual

Who should take this course?

- Growers/producers, packers, repackers, wholesalers and brokers interested in becoming certified
- Program participants and persons responsible for the food safety program
- Agriculture sector professionals and consultants
- Buyers or other stakeholders

What are the system requirements to participate in the training?

- Computer (Windows or macOS)
- An internet connection – broadband wired or wireless (3G or 4G/LTE)
- Speakers and a microphone – built-in, USB plug-in, or wireless Bluetooth
- A webcam or HD webcam - built-in, USB plug-in

Need more information?

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