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TO: CanadaGAP Program Participants

FROM: Heather Gale, Executive Director, CanadaGAP

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SUBJECT: CanadaGAP Policy for Quebec Program Participants using Gestion Qualiterra for

audits

NSF-GFTC recently announced that they have subcontracted Gestion Qualiterra inc. to perform CanadaGAP audits in Quebec. Gestion Qualiterra inc. was previously subcontracted to perform CanadaGAP audits in Quebec for QMI-SAI GLOBAL. We wish to provide the following information to program participants who have been receiving audit services from Gestion Qualiterra:

1. For those continuing with QMI-SAI GLOBAL as their certification body:

- If you are due for an audit this year, you will be contacted directly by a QMI-SAI GLOBAL representative or QMI auditor to schedule this year's audit
- If you are enrolled in Option A1/A2 and due to submit a self-declaration and selfassessment this year, you should complete and return the forms as usual to QMI-SAI GLOBAL.

2. For those who want Gestion Qualiterra inc. to continue performing their audits:

- You must officially transfer certification bodies, from QMI-SAI GLOBAL to NSF-GFTC. To do so, indicate your choice on the <u>Change of Status Form</u> you can click on the link or it is available at <u>www.canadagap.ca</u> and return the completed form to CanadaGAP.
- If you are due for an audit this year, you will be contacted by an auditor from Gestion Qualiterra inc. to schedule the audit, once the transfer is completed.
- Note that CanadaGAP will allow Option A1 and A2 program participants to remain in the current year of their four-year cycle. If you are due to submit a self-declaration and self-assessment this year, once the transfer is completed, you should complete and return the forms to Gestion Qualiterra inc.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact:

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