

Subject: CanadaGAP Food Safety Manuals updated for 2014

CanadaGAP Stakeholders:

Updated versions of the CanadaGAP Food Safety Manuals have now been released.

- 1) Fruit and Vegetable Manual, Version 6.2
- 2) Greenhouse Manual, Version 6.2

The revised CanadaGAP manuals have been reviewed and the changes approved by CFIA. For certification purposes, the new manuals take effect on April 1, 2014. A corresponding update to the CanadaGAP audit checklist will be issued prior to that effective date.

To facilitate the transition to the updated manuals, the following resources can be found at: <http://www.canadagap.ca/manuals/manual-downloads/>.

- The updated manuals are available as a free download
- A document outlining the main changes to the manuals is available
- Revisions documents tracking the changes from previous versions of the manuals are available
- A document summarizing commodity-specific differences is also available

The main change for 2014 is the integration of repacking and wholesale requirements into the scope of the CanadaGAP Program. Other than changes associated with this addition, requirements for all crop groupings remain largely unchanged. The majority of revisions to the manuals are editorial in nature, to clarify or further explain existing requirements.

CanadaGAP maintains seven separate generic HACCP models, which are available upon request. This approach ensures that any issues or scientific developments affecting only certain crop groupings, commodities or processes will continue to be addressed with the appropriate technical rigour.

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