## COMMUNIQUÉ CANADAGAP\* COMMUNIQUÉ

## **To:** CanadaGAP Program Participants with QMI-SAI Global (PEI growers)

**Date:** August 25, 2015

## Subject: Transfer from QMI-SAI Global to another CanadaGAP certification body

Earlier this month, you received a letter from your CanadaGAP certification body (QMI-SAI Global) informing you that they will no longer be providing services for the CanadaGAP program after August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Many of you have had Charlie McIntosh as your auditor with QMI-SAI Global. Charlie is based in New Brunswick. If you wish to continue using Charlie McIntosh as your auditor, you will need to switch to the new certification body that Charlie is working with – **SGS Canada**.

Alternatively, you may wish to choose a different certification body. The other option is **NSF-GFTC** (Guelph Food Technology Centre). They have an auditor in PEI, and several auditors in Nova Scotia.

The contact information for both certification bodies is below:

- NSF-GFTC (Guelph Food Technology Centre) Tel: 1-519-821-1246 Website: www.gftc.ca
- SGS Canada Inc. Tel.: 1-800-636-0847 ext. 13806 Website: www.sgs.ca

Please complete the attached <u>Change of Status Form</u> (answer question 4 to tell us your choice of a new certification body) and send it to the CanadaGAP office. We will inform your new certification body of the change.

Please contact the CanadaGAP office (Tel: 613-829-4711 or email: <u>info@canadagap.ca</u>) if you have any questions, or visit the website at <u>www.canadagap.ca</u>

NOTE: If you're due to complete a self-assessment this season, complete it and send it to <u>your</u> <u>new certification body</u> at least 30 days before your certificate expires. If you're due for an onsite audit on tyour 2015 crop, choose your new certification body as soon as possible, and they will contact you to schedule the audit.

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