

To: CanadaGAP Stakeholders
Date: April 26, 2016
Subject: Advance Notice of Changes to CanadaGAP Program Requirement – Section 6

A CanadaGAP requirement regarding agricultural chemical application is changing for April 1, 2017. This change may have an impact on your operation. Therefore, notice is being given well in advance of the change taking effect so that you have time to fulfill the requirement successfully.

Section 6 Agricultural Chemicals: 6.2 Application:

Current Requirement (April 2016-March 2017):

- Applicator follows provincial regulations and has an applicator's license or is certified, OR is formally trained (e.g., online course), OR is supervised by a formally trained/licensed/certified person (File under Tab: Letters of Assurance/Certificates)

Modified Requirement that will take effect April 1, 2017:

- Applicator follows provincial regulations and has an applicator's license or is certified, OR is formally trained (e.g., online course), ~~OR is supervised by a formally trained/licensed/certified person~~ (File under Tab: Letters of Assurance/Certificates)

With the removal of the option to be “supervised by a formally trained/licensed/certified person”, operations in provinces where “supervision” is allowed will no longer have that option available. Instead they will have to choose one of the other two options (e.g., license/certificate OR formal training). Operations must also follow provincial regulations. Where the CanadaGAP program requirement supersedes a regulation, the CanadaGAP program requirement needs to be followed.

The scoring on the audit checklist will remain the same. If the requirement is not successfully fulfilled, the operation will lose 10 points.

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