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To: CanadaGAP Stakeholders

**Date:** October 28, 2016

Subject: Change to CanadaGAP Program for 2017 – Clarification of Section 6.2 Requirement

In April 2016, CanadaGAP provided advance notice of a change to program requirements that would take effect April 1, 2017. (*CanadaGAP Communique*, April 26, 2016)

Due to feedback from program users, we are announcing a further modification to the new requirement for Section 6.2, Application of Agricultural Chemicals.

The new requirement will be as follows:

Applicator follows prevailing legislation (e.g., provincial regulations) AND has received formal training (e.g., online course) (File under Tab: Letters of Assurance/Certificates)

This means that first and foremost, certified companies must comply with the regulations in place in their province, territory, or state.

If the prevailing legislation does not require the agricultural chemical applicator to be trained, CanadaGAP <u>does</u> require the applicator to receive formal training.

**Formal training** will be defined as follows: "Consists of a course offered by a recognized educational institution, government body or industry association/group for which a record of attendance is issued. Information about the training content is readily available from the course provider (e.g., course outline, online training materials, etc.)."

Please contact the CanadaGAP office if you have any questions.

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