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To: CanadaGAP Program Participants and Other Stakeholders
Date: April 1, 2017
Subject: Reminder – Changes to CanadaGAP Program Take Effect April 1st

You have received a number of communications from CanadaGAP in recent weeks. We're writing to remind you that today, April 1st, is the effective date for changes to the program for 2017, and to inform you of a few new developments:

CanadaGAP Manuals Have Been Updated

Two previous communiques announced the publication of Version 7.0 of the CanadaGAP Manuals, and provided tips on updating your manual for 2017. See the communiques dated January 31, 2017 and February 2, 2017 at: <http://www.canadagap.ca/publications/communique/>

To download the manuals, go to: <http://www.canadagap.ca/manuals/manual-downloads/>

In addition to the document “*Outline of Main Changes to CanadaGAP Manuals for 2017 (Version 7.0)*” published on the website, a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the changes can also be downloaded at: <http://www.canadagap.ca/publications/canadagap-presentations/>

Use these materials to help speed up the task of updating your manuals for 2017!

CanadaGAP Manuals Available in Spanish

A Spanish version of the CanadaGAP manuals is now available on our website at: <http://www.canadagap.ca/manuals/manual-downloads/spanish-manuals/>

Updated Audit Checklist and Self-Assessment

As of April 1, 2017, CanadaGAP audits will be based on the updated Audit Checklist Version 7.0 available at: <http://www.canadagap.ca/tools/audit-checklist/>

The updated Self-Assessment checklist is also available on the CanadaGAP website at: <http://www.canadagap.ca/tools/self-assessment/>

Reminder: Passing Score for CanadaGAP Audit is 85%

Effective April 1, 2017 the passing score on the CanadaGAP audit is 85%. See the communique dated June 27, 2016 for further details: <http://www.canadagap.ca/publications/communique/>

Unannounced Audits Are Being Introduced

Please see the communique about Unannounced Audits released on February 7, 2017 for further details: <http://www.canadagap.ca/publications/communique/>

A PowerPoint providing an overview of the Unannounced Audit programme is also available on the website at: <http://www.canadagap.ca/publications/canadagap-presentations/>

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CanadaGAP Program Receives Government Recognition

CanadaGAP has completed the process for full recognition under the “Canadian Government Food Safety Recognition Program”. This achievement effectively positions the program as a model system under the upcoming *Safe Food for Canadians Regulations* and should greatly simplify the process of complying with regulatory requirements for CanadaGAP-certified companies. See the communique dated March 8, 2017 at: <http://www.canadagap.ca/publications/communique/>

Comparison with the U.S. *Food Safety Modernization Act* (FSMA)

CanadaGAP has been working on resources to help CanadaGAP-certified companies exporting to the United States determine how they will be impacted by FSMA. Please watch for further news as these materials become available on the CanadaGAP website:

- Comparison document identifying key differences between CanadaGAP Program requirements and FDA’s Produce Safety Rule under the U.S. *Food Safety Modernization Act* (FSMA).
- Information for Canadian exporters to the U.S. about the Foreign Supplier Verification Program (FSVP)
- Information document about the FDA Rule on Preventive Controls for Human Food, which may be of particular interest to CanadaGAP-certified operations involved in off-farm packing, repacking and wholesaling.

You will be able to access the materials on our website at: <http://www.canadagap.ca/tools/food-safety-links/> in the section called “FSMA Resources”. We would appreciate your feedback on the tools provided.

For Members: AGM Materials

The Minutes and presentations from the CanAgPlus General Meeting on December 8, 2016 are now posted on the Members Only webpage: <http://www.canadagap.ca/about-us/members-only/>

Annual Program Fee Increase

Program participants received notice by mail the week of February 15, 2017 that the CanadaGAP Annual Program Fee will increase by 5% effective April 1, 2017. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

Survey: CanadaGAP Expert Assistance

Please take a few moments to complete the survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/expertassistance> to help us gauge demand for expert assistance to support CanadaGAP program implementation. The deadline for response is April 30, 2017.

For further details please see the communique dated February 28, 2017 at: <http://www.canadagap.ca/publications/communique/>

Questions? If you don’t have access to the electronic versions of these documents, please don’t hesitate to contact the CanadaGAP office for assistance.

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