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To: CanadaGAP Stakeholders
Date: July 6, 2018
Subject: Program Fee Increase for Options A1 and A2

On July 4, CanadaGAP program participants received notice that the annual program fee for participants enrolled in certification options A1 and A2 (four-year audit cycle) will increase to \$600 (CAD), effective September 1, 2018. If program participants are paying in US funds, the CanadaGAP annual program fee for these options will increase to \$500 USD.

The increase will be reflected the next time program participants are invoiced by CanadaGAP on the anniversary of their enrolment.

Option	Current annual fee (CAD)	New annual fee (CAD) Starting September 1, 2018
A1	\$525	\$600
A2	\$525	\$600

The increase in the annual program fee for Options A1 and A2 is necessary to cover growing costs related to administration and oversight, including the fees billed to CanadaGAP by the certification bodies for review of self-assessments and for surveillance (i.e. random audits).

The fee increase will be phased in over the next year, starting with invoices dated September 1, 2018. The timing of the increase coincides with the original launch date of the CanadaGAP program ten years ago, on September 1, 2008, not with the calendar year. If program participants are not due to be invoiced until September 1 or later, *please note* that the annual program fee cannot be prepaid at the \$525 rate. Program participants will pay the amount indicated when they receive their invoice.

“The CanadaGAP program is owned and operated by a not-for-profit corporation, CanAgPlus, which maintains a commitment to stability, fairness, and responsible fiscal management,” notes Jack Bates, Chair of the Board of Directors for CanAgPlus. “The fees charged to program participants reflect only the amount necessary to cover the cost of delivery and to maintain program rigour and integrity.”

If you have any questions or require additional information, contact the CanadaGAP office at 613-829-4711 or info@canadagap.ca.

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