

**To:** Program Participants with SGS Canada (New Brunswick Growers)  
**Date:** April 24, 2019  
**Subject:** Reminder: Program Participants in New Brunswick Using SGS Canada for CanadaGAP Audits and Certification

**Program participants who are enrolled in the CanadaGAP Program with SGS Canada as their certification body will need to choose a new certification body AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

Last month you received a notice that SGS Canada will no longer be offering CanadaGAP audits after June 30, 2019. As of April 15, SGS is no longer accepting self-assessments for review.

Please act quickly to ensure that your upcoming audit or self-assessment review can be planned and timed appropriately by your new certification body. This is in your best interest to prevent interruptions to your certification cycle.

There are currently two choices for CanadaGAP certification bodies:

- **BNQ** Tel: 1-800-386-5114 ext. 2451 Website: [www.bnq.gc.ca](http://www.bnq.gc.ca)
- **NSF Canada Ag** Tel: 1-519-821-1246 Website: [www.gftc.ca](http://www.gftc.ca)

Some CanadaGAP auditors who have been working for SGS Canada have been contracted by another certification body offering CanadaGAP audits. For example, Charlie McIntosh, who has done many audits in New Brunswick, has been contracted by the BNQ. You may wish to follow your auditor to the new certification body, especially if you have already confirmed a date for your 2019 audit.

To initiate the transfer to a new certification body, please complete the attached [Change of Status Form](#). Answer question 4 to indicate your choice of a new certification body, and send the signed form to the CanadaGAP office by mail, email to [info@canadagap.ca](mailto:info@canadagap.ca) or fax to 613-829-9379.

Please send in the completed Change of Status Form ASAP even if your certificate expiry is months away. We will inform your new certification body of the transfer, and they will contact you to review the scope of your operation and certification and to confirm the timing of your next audit or self-assessment review.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact the certification bodies listed above, or the CanadaGAP office at [info@canadagap.ca](mailto:info@canadagap.ca) or 613-829-4711. SGS Canada is also providing clients with assistance to transfer to a new certification body and can be reached at 905-364-3758 or [amrutha.mathew@sgs.com](mailto:amrutha.mathew@sgs.com).

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