

To: Program Participants using SGS Canada for CanadaGAP Audits and Other Stakeholders

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Subject: SGS Canada will no longer be offering CanadaGAP audits after June 30, 2019

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Program participants who currently use SGS Canada as the certification body for their CanadaGAP audits and self-assessment reviews must choose a new certification body as soon as possible.

Acting quickly will ensure that your upcoming audit or self-assessment review can be completed at the appropriate time and prevent interruptions to your certification cycle. **No further self-assessments will be reviewed by SGS Canada after April 15, 2019.**

There are currently two choices for CanadaGAP certification bodies:

- **NSF Canada Ag** Tel: 1-519-821-1246 Website: www.qftc.ca
- **BNQ** Tel: 1-800-386-5114 ext. 2451 Website: www.bnq.qc.ca

Some CanadaGAP auditors who have been working for SGS Canada may be contracted by one of the above mentioned certification bodies that offer CanadaGAP audits. You may wish to follow your auditor to that certification body, especially if you have already confirmed a date for your 2019 audit. *Please check with your auditor and/or your new certification body to be sure.*

CanadaGAP advises program participants to transfer to a new certification body sooner than later. This would be prudent to minimize any potential disruption to your certification cycle or to the period during which your CanadaGAP certificate remains valid.

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 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 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.

CanadaGAP® is a program developed in Canada to promote Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) for fruit and vegetable suppliers.