

# TECHNICAL NEWS FOR CERTIFICATION BODIES

## The publication of GlobalG.A.P IFA V5

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The second public consultation period of the IFA V5 ended on 5 April 2015 for the GlobalG.A.P. General Regulations and also for the Control Points and Compliance Criteria (CPCC) for Crops and Aquaculture. GlobalG.A.P has recently announced the publication of IFA V5 which becomes mandatory from the 1st July 2016. Other documents which have been published, which also become obligatory from the 1st July 2016 are as follows:

- General Regulations Part I – General requirements;
- General Regulations – Crop Rules;
- General Regulations – Aquaculture Rules;
- General Regulations Part I – Annex 1.4 Definitions;
- General Regulations Part II – Quality Management System Rules;
- General Regulations Part III – Certification Body and Accreditation Rules;
- IFA CPCC V5 for all Farm Base, Crops Base, Flowers and Ornamentals, Fruit and Vegetables and Aquaculture module.

Certification Bodies are to note that Green Coffee will no longer be part of the IFA standard anymore. Instead, it will be included in a new, to-be-released standard called the “Crops for Processing Standard”. Furthermore, the second public consultation for the Livestock CPCC ended on 1st July 2015 and publication of the final documents is expected

to be September 2015. In view of the above publications, the following transitional guidelines shall apply to affected certification bodies.

### Transition from GlobalG.A.P IFA V4 to IFA V5

The revised IFA V5 introduces significant changes and can be accessed from the GlobalG.A.P website for use in inspections and certifications. As indicated above, this standard becomes mandatory from the 1st July 2016. In order to facilitate a smooth transition process, SANAS encourages affected certification bodies to take note of the following:

#### VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATES ISSUED UNDER IFA V4

The last day of validity for certificates issued under IFA V4 is **29 June 2017** for all scopes. This means that the last day for entering a certification decision for IFA V4 in the GlobalG.A.P database is **30 June 2016**. The IFA V4 will then expire on the **30 June 2016** and cannot be used for new inspections/audits.

#### HANDLING OF RECERTIFICATION FROM IFA V4 TO IFA V5

All affected certification bodies (CBs) are to note that the IFA V5 checklist must be used at least 56 calendar days before **30 June 2016** (i.e. at least before **6 May 2016**). This is to ensure that there is sufficient time for the producer to close any non-conformities that may be potentially raised and also for the CB





to issue the certificate in time. Only IFA V5 documents shall be used for inspections/audits where the expected certificate issue date is after **30 June 2016**. The CB may carry out the subsequent inspection 6 months before the expiry date of the certificate in IFA V5 (as opposed to the 8 months in the IFA V4). The following examples clarify this situation;

**EXAMPLE 1:** A producer who has a V4 certificate valid until August 2016 decides to undertake the audit in June 2016, the certification decision will be made in July 2016, thus the CB shall use IFA V5 during the inspection in June 2016.

**EXAMPLE 2:** A V4 certificate is valid from **2 July 2015** to **1 July 2016**. The re-certification is possible up to 6 months before the expiry date of the certificate, so the certification decision can be taken at the earliest on the **1st January 2016**. However, because the certificate will be valid from **2 July 2016**, this must be a V5 certificate, consequently the V5 checklist shall be used in January 2016.

### **INITIAL INSPECTIONS FROM IFA V4 TO IFA V5**

Only the IFA V5 inspection/certification shall be carried out after **30 June 2016**. CBs are to ensure that the IFA V4 certification decisions, based on V4 inspections, are concluded before **30 June 2016**.

### **OPTION1 UNANNOUNCED INSPECTIONS FROM IFA V4 TO IFA V5**

All unannounced inspections of individual producers (Option1) shall be concluded using the version of the standard for which the producer is certified, even if this is scheduled to take place after **30 June 2016**. For example, the CB decides to conduct an unannounced inspection (one of the 10% of all individual producers) to a grower who was certified in February 2016 according to IFA V4, the CB shall also use the V4 checklist in order to maintain the V4 certificate and also to complete the IFA V4 certification cycle.

### **EXTENSION OF IFA V4 CERTIFICATE VALIDITY AND GENERAL SCOPE EXTENSION**

All certification bodies wishing to add products to an existing IFA V4 certificates after **30 June 2016** must contact the Customer Support Team at GlobalG.A.P at [customersupport@globalgap.org](mailto:customersupport@globalgap.org).

### **TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR IFA V5**

**COMBINED IHT AND SMU** – GlobalG.A.P offers the combined In-House Trainer (IHT) and Scheme Manager Update (SMU) training and CBs are encouraged to access the training schedule on the GlobalG.A.P website or contact Lisa Hausen at [hausen@globalgap.org](mailto:hausen@globalgap.org) for more details on this using the online request form.

**ONLINE EXAMS** – The online exams on IFA V5 are published on the GlobalG.A.P website and all auditors and inspectors need to pass these tests before auditing against IFA V5.

### **GAP ANALYSIS FROM IFA V4 TO IFA V5**

GlobalG.A.P has published a content-wise summary in the General Regulations and in the CPCC F&V V4 versus V5 and these can be accessed using the following directory:

- **For General Comparison of Version 4 and Version 5**  
<http://www.globalgap.org/export/sites/default/.content/galleries/documents/150701summarychangesV4vsV5-0GRen.pdf>;
- **For CPCC F&V comparison of Version 4 and Version 5**  
<http://www.globalgap.org/export/sites/default/.content/galleries/documents/150630summarychangesV5-0CPCCAFCBFVen.pdf>.

### **Therefore:**

**Affected SANAS accredited Certification Bodies will be required to take the following actions:**

- Train auditors and verify the result to ensure the relevant level of competence is demonstrated;
- Communicate with existing clients and share guidance on the transition process and arrangements for transition;
- Plan the timing of audit/inspections and certification activities for the revised standard;
- Consider the stated transition period and current certification period and plan the timing of certification decisions for upgrading certification documents;
- Encourage current users of IFA V4 and new users to implement IFA V5 at an early stage and arrange audit schedules for existing client organizations.

**All affected SANAS accredited CBs will be required to submit a transition action plan detailing, as a minimum, the following:**

- All specific actions to be taken to implement the changes,
- Timeframes for completion of such actions;
- The persons responsible for the actions;
- Process in place to monitor progress and completion of the actions.

The action plan will need to demonstrate an impact analysis of the new standard on the ISO/IEC 17065:2012 system and communication of changes to interested parties, as appropriate.



## Other information for certification bodies

SANAS has published a Technical Guidance document, TG47-01, on the transition for ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015. Two other useful resources are available on the new version of ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015:

- a Power point presentation highlighting the main changes of ISO IEC 17021-1 compared with the 2011 version that has been put together by the Co-convenors of WG 21;
- a cross reference table comparing the clauses location with some comments on the changes that have been made by Kylie Sheehan and Steve Keeling.

Both documents are available on iso.org at [http://www.iso.org/iso/home/about/conformity-assessment/conformity-assessment\\_resources.htm](http://www.iso.org/iso/home/about/conformity-assessment/conformity-assessment_resources.htm).

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# ANNOUNCEMENT

THE 2015 COMMUNICATIONS MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

REGION	DATE
Gauteng	Tuesday, 01 September 2015
Durban	Wednesday, 02 September 2015
Port Elizabeth	Monday, 07 September 2015
Cape Town	Tuesday, 08 September 2015

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