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Progress in Food Safety Harmonisation

In February 2009 the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI), managed by CIES – The Food Business Forum and GLOBALGAP jointly announced that they were to develop a joint approach to benchmarking for farm assurance scheme owners.

Today the first results of this partnership have been announced with the formal recognition by the GFSI of the alignment of the food safety elements of the GLOBALGAP Fruit and Vegetable scope with the GFSI Guidance Document Version 5.

“Today’s announcement is a major step forward in making recognition of food safety elements on farm much easier for retailers” said Nigel Garbutt, Chairman of GLOBALGAP. He added “Producers will also benefit from a harmonised set of Good Agricultural Practice food safety criteria applicable to agricultural production around the globe”

This partnership will provide a harmonised and streamlined framework for benchmarking services to farm assurance scheme owners specifically within the scope of food safety. The end result will create greater recognition and confidence along the entire supply chain for all stakeholders from farm to fork.

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About Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI)

The GFSI, managed by CIES - The Food Business Forum, was set up in 2000 to pursue continuous improvement in food safety management systems, cost efficiency in the supply chain and, above all, safe food for consumers worldwide.

About GLOBALGAP

GLOBALGAP is a private sector body that sets voluntary standards for the certification of agricultural products around the globe. The GLOBALGAP standard is primarily designed to reassure consumers about how food is produced on the farm by minimising detrimental environmental impacts of farming operations, reducing the use of chemical inputs and ensuring a responsible approach to worker health and safety as well as animal welfare

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