

NOTICE OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CANADAGAP CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

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CanadaGAP Certification Program Update Related to Version **11.0** of the Food Safety Manuals

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of the following:

- the updated CanadaGAP Certification Program, now available in version 11.0 of the following food safety manuals:
 - **CanadaGAP Food Safety Manual for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables**, version **11.0**;
 - **CanadaGAP Food Safety Manual for Greenhouse Products**, version **11.0**.

NOTE: *CanadaGAP manuals can be downloaded from the CanadaGAP website: www.canadagap.ca.*

- **the terms and conditions related to the transition period granted to operations to comply with the new requirements** set out in version 11.0 of the food safety manuals.

The transition period will be managed as follows:

- As of **April 1st, 2026**, any new certification applications will be processed under the new certification program requirements.
- Operations that hold a certificate of compliance or have an open file with the BNQ do not have to reapply.
- As of **April 1st, 2026**, all periodic BNQ follow-up visits scheduled for spring, summer, and fall 2026 will be conducted in line with the new requirements of the certification program. The BNQ will then issue certificates of compliance under version 11.0 of the food safety manuals to operations that demonstrate compliance with the new requirements of this program.
- The **expiry date of the valid certificate**, however, is the deadline for operations holding a certificate under version 10.0 of the food safety manuals to demonstrate that they are complying with the new requirements of the certification program (version 11.0 of the manuals).

From the **expiry date of the certificate**, the BNQ will close the certification files of operations that have not been able to demonstrate that they are complying with the new requirements of the certification program (version 11.0 of the manuals). Any operation wishing to maintain certification will have to reapply with the BNQ.

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