

A.About IndG.A.P Standard

1. What is IndG.A.P

- India Good Agriculture Practices (INDGAP) certification scheme has been developed by Quality Council of India, which is aligned as per ISO/IEC 17065, the international standard for products, process and services certification requirements. The scheme is developed in consideration to the domestic as well as the international market.
- It addresses not only the quality and quantity of the produce obtained from a unit area but also to focus on various aspects of food safety, pre-and post-harvest practices including workers health and safety, ensure sustained supply of produce of the desirable quality. While the scope of INDGAP covers all agriculture farm produce, it is structured in a manner to address the small and marginal farmers
- IndG.A.P standard covers basically two parts
 - a. **Farmers Related implementation** : Control Points and Compliance Criteria Modules: All Farm Base, Crop Base, Fruit & Vegetable base, Spices module, Combinable crops , Tea , Green Coffee ,Agro Bio diversity module . **All Farm Base and Crop Base , Agro Bio diversity module applies for all crops.** Next depending upon the crop selected one of these ,fruit & Vegetable or Spices or Combinable crops or Tea will be selected.
 - b. **Farmers Group related** : General regulations , Certification Process for group certification, Residue monitoring check list and overall implementation responsibility of farmers related as mentioned above

2. What Benefits will the standard bring to business.

- INDGAP helps production of safe food at primary production level by eliminating chances of entrance of contaminants like pesticides, other residues, etc.
- Better price realization of the produce and provide a competitive edge in domestic and overseas operation.
- Secure and strengthen the natural resources, livelihood of small farmers and quality of produce in the food chain.

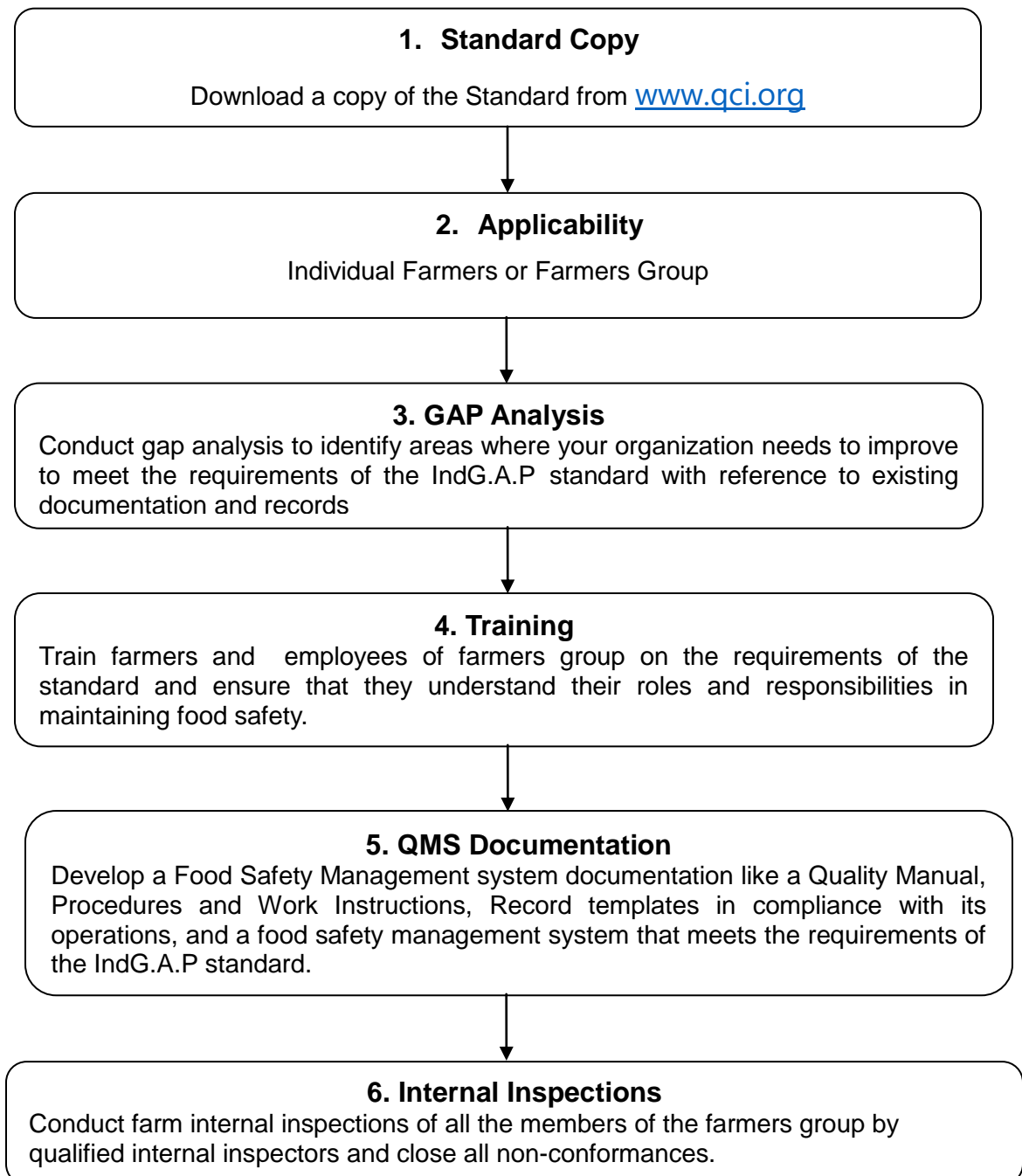
3. Standard Applicable to

- Applicable to all types of Farmers and Farmers Groups and all agricultural products.

4. Where can I download the standard copy

You can visit www.qcin.org and purchase a copy of the standard.

B. Steps in obtaining the Certificate:



7. Internal Audit

Conduct an internal audit of FPO documentation to ensure that your food safety management system meets the requirements of the IndG.A.P standard and is being effectively implemented for a minimum period of three months in case of first certification.



8. Non-Conformances

Correct any non-conformances identified during the internal audit and take corrective actions to prevent their recurrence.



9. Select a certification body

Submit the application form to a certification body that is accredited by Quality Council of India to issue IndG.A.P certification after all non-conformances are closed.



10. Certification Audit

The certification body will conduct an external audit to assess your organization's compliance with IndG.A.P. No of man-days for the audit and fees for certification depends on the number of farmers in the group and its processes, unit locations, etc



11. Certificate

On completion of the certification audit and the closure of all nonconformances, a certificate will be issued valid for one year



12. Main Certification

To maintain your IndG.A.P certification, you will need to renew the certificate on yearly basis

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