# Food Safety Standards

In this section, compliances required by the respective standards are provided. You can access the documentation and records as applicable standard wise. You can choose standard, standard category (On Farm production), Crop and then access to documents or records you need. Since the documentation is generic, the same documentation is linked for all crops.

**Group means:** Farmers organizations and other organizations engaged in farming with group of farmers.

**Related Documents:** Section is provided in which you can access to documents, which are related to internal audits

**Brief About the Requirements:**

This section focused on food safety standards/schemes that are popular worldwide and demanded by the importers/retailers/ consumers. In the first phase,we focused on food safety standards related to agriculture production on the farm, harvest and produce handling at the farm.

1 GlobalG.A.P, 2. IndG.A.P (it is under bench marking process with GlobalG.A.P) 3 Organic –NPOP, 4 Organic NOP, 5 Fair Trade International, 6 Rail Forest Alliance. More schemes will be added based on the feedback from the users.

Key challenge faced by the organizations in implementation of these standards, is preparing documentation/recordsin meeting the requirements of the standards.

We have made efforts in developing the documentation (Quality Manual, Procedures, Work instructions, Risk Assessments, Management Plans, Policies, Records etc) as per the standard requirement. You must keep in mind that these documents or records are generic in nature and to be used only for guidance. Each organization has to modify the documentation /records according to the requirements of crops, its customers, regulatory compliances and local conditions.

**Standards related to food processing, distribution etc will be coming in Phase 2**

ISO 22000 Food Safety Management System, published by International Organization for Standardization ([www.iso.org](http://www.iso.org))

FSSC 22000 Food Safety Systems Certification, published by GFSI ([www.fssc22000.com](http://www.fssc22000.com))

BRCGS Global Food Safety Standard, published by British retail Consortium ([www.brcgs.com](http://www.brcgs.com))

**Background behind Food Safety Initiative**

The CODEX ALIMENTARIUS international food standards, guidelines and codes of practice contribute to the safety, quality and fairness of international food trade. The efforts are being internationally coordinated by FAO and the WHO

It contain requirements for food aimed at ensuring for the consumer a safe, wholesome food product free from adulteration, correctly labelled and presented. Codex standards are not a substitute for, or alternative to national legislation. Every country’s laws and administrative procedures contain provisions with which it is essential to comply.

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has been established under Food Safety and Standards , 2006 for laying down science based standards for articles of food and to regulate their manufacture, storage, distribution, sale and import to ensure availability of safe and wholesome food for human consumption.

Similarly, different countries/retailers/ other stake holders in agri value chain have laid down their own food safety standards to be met like IndG.A.P, GlobalG.A.P, Organic, Fair Trade International and Rain Forest Alliance etc.