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SUBJECT: Updated OFFS Manuals now available for download

To:

- CanadaGAP program participants
- Certification Body representatives
- CanadaGAP auditors
- CHC members
- OFFS Committees and Working Groups

This note is to advise that updates to the CanadaGAP OFFS Manuals are now available for download from our website at: <http://www.canadagap.ca/en/manuals/off-s-manualdownloads.aspx>.

The latest revisions include the changes required for recognition of CanadaGAP by the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI).

If your customer **does not require** compliance with the GFSI-recognized version of CanadaGAP this season, you can continue using Version 4 (v5.2 for Potatoes). In that case, your audit will continue to be based on the current version of the Audit Checklist (Version 4.2), which remains available for download from the website: <http://www.canadagap.ca/en/tools/audit-checklist.aspx>. When scheduling your audit please be prepared to confirm for the certification body which version of the manual you are using.

If your customer **requires** you to implement the GFSI-recognized version of CanadaGAP this season, you will need to upgrade your manual to Version 5 (v5.3 for Potatoes). Please refer to the attached summary of the affected sections, and reprint those pages of the manual. If you wish to see the changes in detail, the full revisions documents for each manual are posted on the website.

Version 5 of the Audit Checklist is also being released to correspond with Version 5 of the OFFS Manuals (v.5.3 for Potatoes). A copy is attached. Auditors may also wish to refer to the revisions document on the website detailing the changes made to the Audit Checklist.

Please contact us at 613-226-4880, Ext. 206 or offs@hortcouncil.ca with any questions.

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Attachments:

- Changes to CanadaGAP Manuals, July 2010: Sections to reprint
- CHC OFFS Audit Checklist, Version 5.0

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