



# GLOBALG.A.P. Chain of Custody

The **GLOBALG.A.P. Chain of Custody (CoC)** standard aims to support supply chain stakeholders in implementing management systems that protect the **segregation, identification, and traceability of products originating from GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes**. Applicable to plants, aquaculture, and compound feed produced under the Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) or Compound Feed Manufacturing (CFM) standard, CoC offers a practical, cost-efficient way to improve transparency and address a range of topics such as management structures, input and output verification, and identification and labeling.

## Benefits of implementation

- 1 Safeguard certification status:** Demonstrate effective segregation and traceability systems from farm to consumer.
- 2 Reduce integrity risks:** Mitigate the risk of misidentification, substitution, and food fraud, providing reassurance to customers.
- 3 Market access:** Gain recognition for the responsible handling and trading of products from GLOBALG.A.P. certified production processes and access key buyers.
- 4 Global standard:** Applicable for producers, packers, traders, processors, logistics companies, food service, and retailers.
- 5 Trusted network:** Rely on a standard tried, tested, and trusted by over 4,000 supply chain companies in more than 60 countries.



**5,137**  
supply chain  
companies under  
certification



**65**  
countries with  
certified supply chain  
companies

*Data valid as of 31/12/2024*



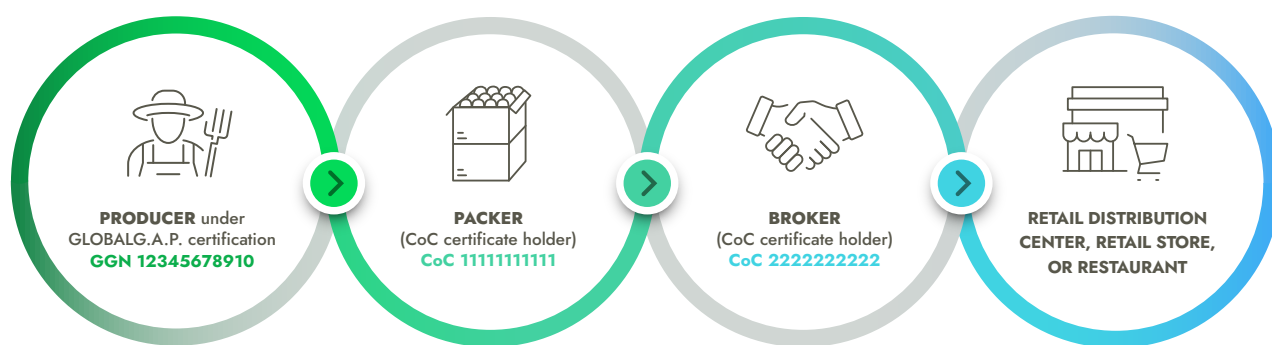
CoC certification is a key requirement for use of the **GGN label** – a consumer label for certified, responsible farming and transparency found on fruit and vegetables, farmed seafood, flowers, and plants. [Learn more at ggn.org](https://www.ggn.org)

For more information on GLOBALG.A.P. claims, please visit our [impact areas and claims page](#).

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# Traceability and segregation in the supply chain



## Core topics

- Management structure
- Input and output verification
- Traceability
- Animal welfare
- Identification and labeling
- Identification and display
- Products with the GGN label
- Aquaculture products

## Five steps to certification

- 1 Download the standard documents**  
You will need the CoC general regulations, control points and compliance criteria (CPCCs), and checklist. You can find the documents for free and in multiple languages in the [GLOBALG.A.P. document center](#).
- 2 Implement the requirements**  
Use the CPCCs to guide the implementation of the standard requirements, and then conduct a self-assessment using the checklist.
- 3 Request a certification body (CB) audit**  
Contact the CB of your choice and request an audit for CoC.
- 4 Complete the CB audit**  
The CB auditor will conduct the audit. Any non-compliances which are detected must be corrected within the specified period and verified by the CB before a certificate can be issued.
- 5 Receive your certificate**  
The CoC certificate is valid for one year, and you must undergo an on-site audit annually to retain certification status. Your status will be publicly visible in the [GLOBALG.A.P. IT platform](#) for transparency in the market.

### Find a CB

Visit the [GLOBALG.A.P. "Producers" page](#) to view the full list of approved CBs. To find a CB near you, select "Chain of Custody" under the "Solutions" filter and select your country.

### View the fee table

Visit the [GLOBALG.A.P. document center](#) to view the fee table. Certification costs generally include implementation costs, auditor fees, and GLOBALG.A.P. fees.