

+SA

Plus Sustainable Agriculture

Control Points and Compliance Criteria
for Farm

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1. Introduction

The Japan GAP Foundation is the organization responsible for the development and operation of +SA. The foundation ensures fair and equitable development and operation of +SA, with high transparency in information disclosure throughout the process. The objective is to contribute to the sustainable development of Japan's agricultural and food-related industries through the development and operation of +SA.

This regulation defines the fundamental principles of +SA, outlining the compliance of organizations involved with +SA, appropriate management of organizational structures, and maintenance and management of reliable auditor competency to ensure credibility.

+SA is positioned as an add-on standard to JGAP and ASIAGAP. Farms and organizations certified under JGAP/ASIAGAP that meet +SA's compliance criteria receive recognition equivalent to the Silver level of the Farm Sustainability Assessment (FSA) program developed by the SAI Platform. The purpose of +SA is to evaluate sustainable agricultural practices and significantly contribute to the development of Japanese agriculture.

2. Operation

You cannot operate solely based on this document. It is necessary to work with either the "ASIAGAP Farm Management Points and Compliance Criteria" or the "JGAP Farm Management Points and Compliance Criteria" as a set. Additionally, regarding the "ASIAGAP Farm Management Points and Compliance Criteria" or the "JGAP Farm Management Points and Compliance Criteria," according to the "+SA General Regulations," there are management points that require level adjustments. The audit acceptance start date will commence from the operational start date of this document.

3. Copyright

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4. Disclaimer

The Japan GAP Foundation and the certification bodies of +SA do not assume legal responsibility for the agricultural products sold by farms or organizations certified under +SA.

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| Common Items | | | | | |
| SA1 | Must | Right to use land | The farm either has legal records that confirm a right to use the land, or could make an oral explanation on its legitimate ownership or rental right to the land. | | |
| SA2 | Must | Purchase of land | <p>If farm purchases new land(s), the following requirements are needed:</p> <p>(1) If land ownership has not been established, whether formal or informal, there is documentation showing the right to cultivate the land.</p> <p>(2) If the boundaries of the land to be purchased are not clear, ownership of the land should be recognized by the neighbors and the local officials.</p> <p>(3) If there is a dispute regarding ownership of the land, it is handled in a fair and timely manner through discussion.</p> | | |
| SA3 | Must | Transparency of commercial dealings | <p>The following are implemented for commercial dealings:</p> <p>(1) Maintain relevant documents in all commercial dealings:</p> <p>(2) Clarification on non-engagement in bribery, corruption, extortion, embezzlement, conflicts of business interest, and fraudulent practices.</p> | | |
| SA4 | Must | Compliance with laws and regulations | <p>Procedures are documented for having up-to-date information on the laws and regulations relevant to the agricultural operation.</p> <p>Procedures are also documented to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations.</p> | | |

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| SA5 | Must | Sales contract | <p>Contracts for agricultural products should be made and documented that include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Specification (2) Price (3) Quantity (4) Payment conditions <p>Or show membership of a cooperative or similar organization which agrees to purchase the farm's products.</p> | | |
| SA6 | Must | Use of pesticides | <p>a. Only legally registered pesticides could be used.</p> <p>b. The farm does not use pesticides that contain the following in the drug substance. If used, the farm should consider to fade out using these pesticides in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) benomyl (2) fluoroimide (3) fluvalinate (4) alachlor (5) fluazifop (6) bromacil (7) thiuram | | |
| SA7 | Must | Creation of farm land | Documentation can be provided that new cultivated lands of non-farming lands created after December 31, 2015 are not in primary forests, wetlands, or protected areas and that the new cultivated lands do not impact those areas. | | |

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| SA8 | Must | Hiring and recruitment of Workers | <p>a.The farm shall bear the recruiting costs related to the recruitment and hiring of workers, and shall not reimburse workers for such costs.</p> <p>b.The Farm will ensure that the recruitment agencies meet the following conditions: (1)obtain a business license from the government. (2)do not engage in fraudulent or coercive recruitment practices. (3)comply with all labor-related laws and regulations.</p> | | |
| SA9 | Must | Implementation of self-assessment | <p>To improve farm management, the following are conducted and recorded at least once a year</p> <p>(1) Self-assessment of all control points of "+SA only items" (2) Improvement of NC items as a result of self-assessment</p> <p>In the case of group, this may be replaced with an internal audit.</p> | | |
| Items only for JGAP | | | | | |
| SA10 | Must | Right to use water | If there is an arrangement/instruction/approval system imposed by the government or by the local community regarding water use, the farm follows it and contributes to the efficient use of water. | | |

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| SA11 | Must | Soil preparation with consideration for carbon sequestration | The following are implemented in the interests of soil development, the circulation of organic matter in the region, and measures to reduce greenhouse gases. (1) Documentation of soil development plans with consideration for carbon sequestration (2) Active utilization of organic matter and plant residues generated within the region | | |
| SA12 | Must | Promotion of energy conservation | The following are implemented as measures to reduce greenhouse gases. (1) Ascertaining the amount energy used including electricity, gas, heavy oil, gasoline, diesel oil and kerosene (2) Documenting and implementing plans to conserve energy in facilities and machinery (3) Considering the adoption of renewable energy | | |
| SA13 | Must | Storage of hazardous materials (Fertilizer) | To prevent fire and other accidents, when storing fertilizers that generate heat or that may catch fire or explode, the storage methods indicated by the fertilizer distributor or manufacturer are checked, and those instructions are followed for storage. | | |

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| SA14 | Must | Storage conditions for fertilizers and other materials | <p>To prevent fertilizers from suffering deterioration in quality or contaminating the environment, and in the interests of occupational and food safety, the following are implemented for the storage of bagged fertilizers.</p> <p>(1) The storage area must be covered, to prevent the fertilizer being affected by sunlight, frost, rain and water coming from outside</p> <p>(2) Waste and spilled fertilizer is removed and the area cleaned</p> <p>(3) Fertilizers are not played directly on top of the soil</p> <p>(4) Fertilizers that contain agricultural chemicals and lime nitrogen must be stored according to their label instructions</p> <p>(5) Storage methods that prevent collapses or falling</p> <p>(6) Preventing the contamination of agricultural produce, seeds or seedlings</p> | | |
| SA15 | Must | Storage of compost | To prevent environmental contamination and cross-contamination, the following measures are implemented for compost and run-off during production. | | |



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