

Greenhouse Certification Program (GCP)

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Anyone need a refresher on the GCP?

- Last year, gave presentation that covered the basics
- Hard copies of the 2017 PPTX available from Jeanine@fco.ca
- Refer to the GCP Technical Requirements, June 2016

Update on GCP

1. CFIA Timeline
2. What you can do now
3. GCP Industry Training

CFIA Timeline

- Directive D-16-02 – plan to publish by end of Oct
- Communication from CFIA – planned for Oct/Nov
- Application form – template in development
- Pest Management Plan – template in development
- Operational Staff Training – planned for Nov/Dec

CFIA is expecting to start accepting applications in December

GCP Transition Timeline

Phase 1:

December 2018/January 2019 – Submission of application forms to CFIA (include List of Plants in Production!)

Phase 2:

Response from CFIA & Development/Submission of Pest Management Plan and Modules

Phase 3:

Response from CFIA & Authorization Audit
Signing of Compliance Agreement

**CFIA/APHIS do not have a firm date for 100% transition to the
GCP**



What Can You Do NOW?

1. Complete the online training course:

- The online GCP Industry Training program is available to any facility in Canada or the USA
- There are FCG/FIHOQ 'member advantages'!
- Request a login from GCP@fco.ca
- The training is available in both English and French

What Can You Do NOW?

2. Prepare your List of Plants in Production:

- For ALL plants in production at your facility (not just the ones going to USA or other certified facilities)
- Include all plants that 'may' be in production (not limited to what is in active production – could be on order for next season)
- Try to use an existing database/spreadsheet system to save on effort, redundancy

List of Plants in Production

5 things that **must** be noted:

1. **Taxa** – scientific name of plant, down to cultivar may be required if some cultivars are ineligible under the GCP...but in other cases, genus may be enough
2. **Source** – country of origin (can include multiple countries, in case suppliers change year-to-year)
3. **Description** – as the plants enter Canada/USA
4. **Import Requirements** – only if there are specific import requirements (for either USA or Canada)
5. **Eligibility** – Identify if these plants are eligible or ineligible under the GCP

List of Plants in Production

Eligibility:

- Official requirements can be found in the GCP Technical Requirements document (June 2016)
- **The onus is on your facility to determine eligibility**
- The USDA Plants for Planting Manual is a KEY resource
- Other resources may be required (e.g. CITES, ESA)
- Look for support in the GCP Industry Training Program - there are lots of examples to be found!

List of Plants in Production

Getting Help – Use the online training:

- Lesson 4.1 provides general information on eligibility
- Lesson 4.2 provides guidance on preparing your List of Plants in Production
- Lesson 12 has information on taxonomy
- Lesson 13 has detailed information on using the USDA Plants for Planting Manual and determining eligibility, with examples

What Can You Do NOW?

3. Have patience with your inspector(s):

- Not all inspectors have had the GCP Operational training
- Nation-wide training is not expected to be completed until Christmas 2018
- This is a new process for both your facility and the CFIA...so please be patient!

How to Get Support

- Contact GCP@fco.ca to get a login for the online GCP Industry Training Course
- In-person regional training workshops will be planned once D-16-02 is public (\$)
- Private training/support will be available upon request (\$)
- Individual requests for support should be forwarded to GCP@fco.ca
- Your local CFIA inspector will also be a great resource!



Resources

GCP@fco.ca

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1-800-698-0113 (FCG office)

1-705-796-8812 (Jeanine)



Online GCP Industry Training Demonstration

<https://fcg@talentlms.com>

