



ANDHRA PRADESH STATE ORGANIC PRODUCTS CERTIFICATION AUTHORITY

IndG.A.P Certification Scheme for Good Agricultural Practices



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Introduction

The Andhra Pradesh State Organic Products Certification Authority (APSOPCA) was established as per the G.O.Ms.No.7 of Agriculture & Co-operation Department (Agri. I), Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, dated: 23.02.2022 and registered under Andhra Pradesh Societies Registration Act, 2001 with the Registration No. 80 of 2022 and started functioning as separate body *w.e.f.* 01.04.2022.

APSOPCA has got Provisional Accreditation for Ind GAP certification from Quality Council of India (QCI) in the month of April, 2023 for the inspection & certification services for Good Agricultural Practices.

IndG.A.P certification scheme:

The Scheme has been developed by QCI to promote Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) in India. The scheme is to address the needs of domestic and international market

The focus of IndG.A.P standards is to address the quality and safety of the produce obtained per unit area, pre and post-harvest practices and workers health and safety to ensure sustained supply of produce of desirable quality

Why IndG.A.P certification scheme?

India is one of the world's largest producers of agricultural products with a wide range of crops grown across the country. However, the quality and safety of these products are often a concern and there have been several incidents of food borne illness and contamination in recent years. GAP certification can help to address these concerns by ensuring that farmers are following best practices when it comes to the use of pesticides, fertilizers and other inputs.

Benefits of Certification:

- ✓ GAP certification can help farmers access new markets, both domestic and international and make them globally competitive.

- ✓ To improve the quality and yield of the crops by following the best practices and in turn they can improve soil health, reduce the use of Inputs and improve their efficiency.
- ✓ Secure and strengthen the livelihood of small and marginal farmers.
- ✓ Ensure food safety and quality of the produce in food chain.
- ✓ Greater trust among the producers, marketers and consumers.

Scope of certification:

The APSOPCA will perform the GAP certification based on Control Points and Compliance Criteria (CPCC) issued under IndG.A.P. scheme to certify the GAP products for direct human consumption or for further processing for human consumption by food industry.

Certification categories

The main modules (Scopes) are

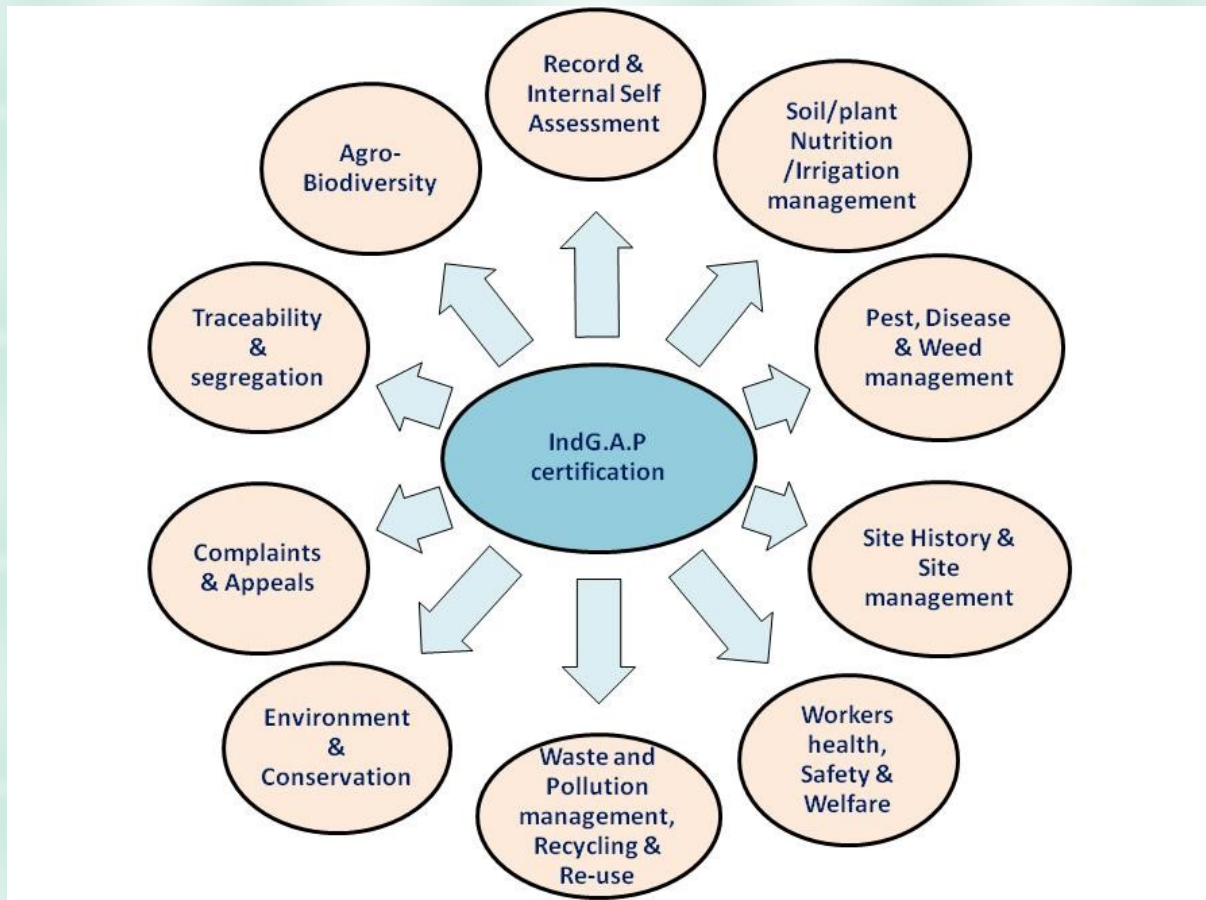
- ✓ All Farm Base Module
- ✓ Crops Base Module
- ✓ Agro-Biodiversity Module

Produce Specific Modules (Sub-Scopes)

- ✓ Fresh Fruits and Vegetables
- ✓ Combinable Crops
- ✓ Tea
- ✓ Green Coffee
- ✓ Spices



Standards for GAP certification



Types of Certification

✓ Option 1 (Individual Certification)

- Multisite without implementation of QMS
- Multisite with implementation of QMS

✓ Option 2 (Group certification)



Certification Procedure

Application

(Any farmer / producer/ organization /Firm/ producer group has a legal entity can apply)

Application review

The APSOPCA shall review application along with other necessary documents for adequacy and deficiencies. After acceptance of the application, operator will be provided with fee Quote and certification agreement

Certification Agreement

After payment of the prescribed fee , the “IndG.A.P. Sublicense and Certification Agreement” is signed between the producer/producer group and the APSOPCA.

Registration

registered with 10 digit Unique Identification Number (UIN).

Evaluation

The APSOPCA shall conduct annual inspections (announced and unannounced) for assessment of compliance of operator with the concerned scope and sub-scope of control points

Review

The Inspection Reports along with non compliance reports (if any) shall be reviewed by the Evaluator and submit review report along with remarks to the Certification Committee for certification decision.

Certification committee/Certification decision

1. Scope certificate
2. Transaction certificate

TARIFF STRUCTURE OF APSOPCA FOR INDG.A.P. SCHEME

Particulars	Individual Farmer (Small) (1-10 acres)	Individual Farmer (Large Farmer) (10-50 acres)	Individual Estates (> 50 acres)	Farmers Group
Application fee	100	100	100	100
Registration charges	500	1000	1500	1500
Inspection (Per Man Day)	2500	2500	2500	3000
Certification charges	2500	2500	5000	5000
Scope certificate	2500	2500	3000	3500
Transaction certificate	500	500	500	500
Appeal	500	500	500	500
Miscellaneous	100	900	900	900
QCI Administrative Fee (AF) per certification cycle				
a. Per client	2000	2000	2000	2000
b. Per Product	100	100	100	100

Note:

1. Registration Fee is Non-Refundable.
2. If duplicate Scope Certificate or Transaction Certificate is demanded, Rs.500/- per certificate will be charged extra.
3. Chemical analysis if required (Soil/ Water / Raw produce / Finished Product sample etc.), actual expenditure shall be borne by operator.
4. The Actual Travel, Lodging and Boarding charges shall be borne by Operator.