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### **GLOBALG.A.P. IFA for livestock – announcement**

Following our written communication dated 13 June 2022 and the subsequent webinars that were held to explain and detail our decision to discontinue the Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) standard for livestock, we are writing to inform you about the status of the process we initiated to connect the companies that have been using this standard with a solution which aims at offering continuity.

Following the communication of our decision, the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat initiated a process in which several companies offered alternatives for the livestock producers and other stakeholders who are interested in continuing with a certification based on the principles of IFA.

This process included collecting information about the various companies and their proposals, and discussing their projects with them.

At the end of this process, the decision was made to connect our livestock stakeholders with the initiative offered by DEFHESA, who will offer a product that is similar to IFA.

DEFHESA is an association of companies and professionals representing all stages of the livestock supply chain that has the objective of promoting the sustainable production of livestock products (meat, dairy) by joining efforts and aligning them with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Since the decision was made, the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat and DEFHESA have been working on designing the next steps to help livestock stakeholders learn more about this initiative and the opportunity to become involved in it.

DEFHESA has also been preparing a plan to facilitate the transition to the new system for those producers interested in continuing with the certification of their production sites beyond 2023. This plan will be communicated by the GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat and DEFHESA in a timely manner.

In the meantime, we can confirm that certification to IFA for livestock will remain possible until 31 December 2023 and that all certificates issued this year will have a validity of 12 months.

In addition to the current GLOBALG.A.P. communication channels, DEFHESA has created a customer support email address to solve any question about the transition process, the future of the standard, and capacity building needs: [customersupport@globalslp.org](mailto:customersupport@globalslp.org) (globalslp.org).

Sincerely,

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