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National Foreword

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In preparing this standard the following were used as working documents:

GLOBALGAP General Regulations

GLOBALGAP Control Points and Compliance criteria

GLOBALGAP Checklist

IOCALGAP General Regulations

IOCALGAP Control Points and Compliance criteria

IOCALGAP Checklist

MS 184-1:2015, *Specification for Good Agricultural Practices for Crop Production – MauriGAP – Part 1 – Basic requirements*

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Introduction

Across the world people are becoming increasingly aware of the health risks associated with the consumption of contaminated food and the adverse impacts of high input agriculture on the environment and ecosystem services. Consumers are, therefore, demanding quality food produced safely and sustainably. Thus to meet this challenge, retailers around the globe are requesting Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) certification of agricultural produce from their suppliers. The GLOBALGAP is an internationally recognized standard (Integrated Farm Assurance Standard, IFA) for farm production (crops, livestock, and ornamentals). The Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) address food safety, traceability, environmental conservation, workers' health, and animal welfare.

The implementation processes to meet the GLOBAL GAP criteria can be a daunting task for local producers. The introduction of MauriGAP is a stepping stone toward GLOBALGAP certification. It is the basic quality assurance programme that sets certain food safety requirements while ensuring sustainable production practices. It provides for traceability of production practices, cost effective solutions, promotes market access, and helps producers gain gradual recognition.

With a view to help local producers gain gradual recognition ultimately leading to the GLOBAL GAP certification, the MauriGAP programme is staggered in 3 levels:

MauriGAP – Part 1 - Basic requirements

MauriGAP – Part 2 - Intermediate requirements

MauriGAP – Part 3 – Advanced requirements

This part of MS 184 differs from Part 1 from the fact that it relies on the auditee providing evidence of adherence to requirements for preharvest practices like soil, water, nutrient and pest management and post- harvest chemicals.

Specifications for Good Agricultural Practices for Crop Production – MauriGAP – Part 2: Intermediate requirements

1 Scope

This Standard establishes intermediate requirements for sustainable crop production, focusing on Good Agricultural Practices to ensure food safety, environmental stewardship and farmer/worker welfare.

This Standard applies to open field, protected cultivation, hydroponics, horticulture and flowers.

This standard will be used for inspection and certification purposes of the crop production process from production to farmgate.

This standard excludes the production of genetically modified organisms. Plants grown in nurseries are excluded.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents are indispensable for the growers seeking MauriGAP certification. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition (including any amendments) applies.

MS 184-1:2015, *Specification for Good Agricultural Practices for Crop Production – MauriGAP – Part 1 – Basic requirements*

Dangerous Chemicals Control Board Act 2004

FAREI/ Le Guide Agricole 2010

National Food Legislations and Regulations

Irrigation Water Standards

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in **MS 184-1** and the following shall apply.

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risk assessment

an estimate of the probability, frequency and severity of the occurrence of a hazard