

Industry Training for the Greenhouse Certification Program

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GCP & the Systems Approach

United States-Canada Greenhouse-Grown Plant Certification Program

- A critical program that facilitates trade between USA & Canada
- Replacing the current USGCP/CGCP (1996), significant revision of program requirements
- Based on the “systems approach” = use of multiple/combination of phytosanitary measures to mitigate risk of pest spread and introduction
- Includes pest management, inventory control, knowledge and application of both countries’ import requirements



The Need

- Program requirements changes from the existing USGCP/CGCP – facilities are taking on more responsibility
- Both industry and NPPOs need the GCP to succeed
- Desire to have consistency in:
 - Interpretation
 - Application

SOLUTION = FCG took the initiative to develop a robust training program for industry that is recognized by regulators



Funding to Develop Training

- Flowers Canada Growers (FCG) successfully applied for federal funding from Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada (Assurance Stream under Growing Forward 2)
- Financial support also provided by FCG and Fédération Interdisciplinaire de L'Horticulture Ornementale du Québec (FIHOQ)

Canada 

Growing Forward 2 



Where we started

We brought together a group of experts!

- Industry members from CGCP facilities across Canada (large and small, broker and production facilities)
- Horticultural Specialist with CFIA Policy & Programs, along with Operations Branch personnel
- Flowers Canada Growers team

**A SERIOUS COLLABORATION BETWEEN CFIA
AND THE INDUSTRY!**



A Team Effort!



Course Content

- Started with a broad course outline
- Developed text for each training chapter based on the GCP Technical Requirements (June 2016)
- Written feedback on each chapter by the industry team, followed by a conference call to review areas of concern
- Met twice more in person to review content in exacting detail with CFIA
- Text not completely finalized/translated until March 2018
- Continue to update the text as it has been reviewed by facilities, and as more information is available from CFIA

A tedious process, requiring a zillion re-writes and phone calls to Rob Ormrod!



Getting content online: Authoring Tool + LMS



Articulate 360 (Rise)

+



TalentLMS

Online GCP Industry Training Demonstration



Support Options for Industry

- Set up a single point contact email for all requests, using Google Groups – English & French (GCP@fco.ca)
- Online GCP Industry Training Course
- In-person regional training workshops will be planned once D-16-02 is public in Canada (\$)
- Private training/support will be available upon request across Canada (\$)
- We encourage facilities to contact their NPPO for support, too!

Challenges

- D-16-02 is still not published
- Industry training shared with NPPO, but only had access to some of CFIA's training materials
- Depended heavily on 1 person in CFIA for interpretation/support (Rob Ormrod)
- Limited opportunity to interact with Operations Branch

Successes

- FCG stepped in to fill a gap
- Feedback on training has been positive
- This training is available and applicable to facilities in the USA as well as Canada
- Definitely a huge step forward in our relationship with CFIA Programs & Policy

Opportunities

- How can we continue and develop this collaboration?
- We want this type of relationship with the 'regulatory side' (Operations) as well as with the policy side of CFIA
- Long term, a PARTNERSHIP between industry and NPPO will result in more effective phytosanitary success

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