

GGN: 8719338022005

Registration number of producer/ producer group (from CB): CU 857763

GLOBALG.A.P. RISK ASSESSMENT ON SOCIAL PRACTICE (GRASP)

PROOF OF ASSESSMENT

According to

GRASP General Rules V1.3-1-i July 2020

Option 1

Issued to
Producer Especia B.V.
Bultenvenweg 30, ,, 5916 RW VENLO, Netherlands

The Annex contains details of the GRASP results.

The Certification Body Control Union Certifications B.V. declares that the producer group mentioned on this proof has been assessed according to the GLOBALG.A.P. Risk Assessment on Social Practice Version 1.3-1-i July 2020.

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Product Handling	Remote Assessment	Employee Interview
Yes	N/A	No

Overall assessment result: Fully compliant GGN: 8719338022005

Assessment result in detail:

Control Point 1	Fully compliant
Control Point 2	Fully compliant
Control Point 3	Fully compliant
Control Point 4	Fully compliant
Control Point 5	Fully compliant
Control Point 6	Fully compliant
Control Point 7	Fully compliant
Control Point 8	Fully compliant
Control Point 9	Not applicable
Control Point 10	Fully compliant
Control Point 11	Fully compliant

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GLOBALG.A.P. RISK ASSESSMENT ON SOCIAL PRACTICE

GRASP Checklist - Version 1.3-1-i

Checklist Individual Producer (Option 1)

Valid from: July 2020

Mandatory from: October 2020



1. CERTIFICATE HOLDER REGISTRATION	ON DATA										
Producer GGN/GLN:*	8719338022005	8719338022005 Registration				CU 857763					
Company name:*	Especia B.V.	Especia B.V.				Bultenvenweg 30, 5916 RW, VENLO, Nederland					
Telephone:*	088-3210254										
Email:	hans.jacobs@gipmans.nl		Fax:								
Assessment date:*	21/08/2023		Contact person	1:*		Hans Jacob)S				
Previous assessment date(s):											
Does the producer have any other external audi	its or certification covering social	practices? If yes	, which?				·	·			
Standard 1:	Standard 2:		Standard 3:			Standard 4:					
Valid to:	Valid to:		Valid to:			Valid to:					
Has the Certification Body detected any significa	ant breach of legal requirement of	concerning labor	conditions?				YES	$\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$	١	1 0	
Has the Certification Body reported this finding	to the local/national responsible a	and competent a	uthority?				YES	$\overline{\mathbf{Q}}$	١	NO	
Comments: grasp document versie 2020 onde	rtekend voor aanvang van de au	dit. Steekproef u	itgevoerd met 4 ı	medewerkers							
Company description: Een glastuinbouwbedrijf i geldig SNA certificaat , Cova en Stadion.	met de productie van 10 HA jaarı	ronde verse kruic	len in potjes. Er	wordt gebruik ge	emaakt van de d	iensten van t	wee uitzend	lbureaus, l	beide ı	met	
Did the management sign a self-declaration say	ring that if there were employees	GRASP would b	e implemented?				YES		١	NO	
* Mandatory field						•		•			

Are produce handling (PH) facilities included in the GRASP assessment?			YES	☐ NO	
	Is produce handling sub-contracted?		YES	☑ NO	
	Does the produce handling facility(ies) have any social standards implemented?	☑	YES	☐ NO	If yes, which?
		If yes:	Name of	the PH company:	
			GGN/GL	N of the PH comp	pany (if applicable):
Name a	and location of the assessed PH Facilities:	·			·
PH Faci	ility 1	PH Faci	ity 4		
PH Faci	ility 2	PH Faci	ity 5		
PH Faci	ility 3	PH Faci	ity 6		
Does th	ne company subcontract any other activities?		YES	☑ NO	
If yes, w	which one?	Are the	subcontrac	ted activities inclu	ided in the GRASP assessment?
	Pest and rodent control		YES	□ NO	
	Crop protection		YES	□ NO	
	Harvest		YES	□ NO)
	Others (please specify): Nee		YES	□ NO	

2. STRUCTURE OF EMPLOYM	2. STRUCTURE OF EMPLOYMENT									
Month(s) of peak season (if applicable):	nvt	vt				% of employee accommodation the company (if	n provided by	0		
Nationalities of employees	0									
Total number of employees	Local		Cross-Border Migrants			National Migrants			Total	
	Permanent	Temporary	Agency	Permanent	Temporary	Agency	Permanent	Temporary	Agency	
in agricultural production	10	0	0	10	0	10	0	0	0	20
in product handling facility(ies)	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	20
Total	10	0	0	10	0	20	0	0	0	40

3. PRESENCE DURING THE ASSESSMENT								
	SITE MANAGEMENT		PERSON RESPONSIBING IMPLEMENTATION OF		EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVE			
Names ¹ :								
Present at the opening meeting?	☑ YES	□ NO	☑ YES	□ NO	☐ YES	☑ NO		
Present at the assessment?	☑ YES	□ NO	☑ YES	□ NO	☑ YES	□ NO		
Present at the closing meeting?	☑ YES	□ NO	☑ YES	□ NO	☐ YES	☑ NO		
OVERALL ASSESSMENT RESULT: (Calculated automatically based on the results per sub-controlpoint)					Fully compliant			
Assessment results reviewed with company management?	☑ YES	П ио						
Name of certification body:	Control Union Certificat	ions B.V.	Duration of the assessn	nent:	1.50			
Name of assessor:	Gert Weitkamp							
Name of company management:	Hans Jacobs							
¹ Only mention the names if the persons have agreed to releas	ase there personal data to be up	loaded with the checklist to the	GLOBALG.A.P. Database.					

GRASP CHECKLIST

N°	CONTROL POINT & COMPLIANCE CRITERIA	VERIFICATION	COMPLIANCE				
			Y	N	N/A		
EMPLO	YEES' REPRESENTATIVE(S)						
1	CP: Is there at least one employee or an employees' council to represent the interests of the staff to the management throu	gh regular meetings where labor is	ssues are	addresse	d?		
CC: Documentation demonstrates that an employees' representative(s) or an employees' council representing the interests of the employees to the management is elected or in exceptional cases nominated by all employees and recognized by the management. The election or nomination takes place in the ongoing year or production period and is communicated to all employees. The employees' representative(s) shall be aware of his/her/their role and rights and be able to discuss complaints and suggestions with the management. Meetings between employees' representative(s) and the management occur at accurate frequency. The dialogue taking place in such meetings is duly documented. N/A the company employs less than 5 employees.							
1.1	The election/nomination procedure has been defined and communicated to all employees.		Х				
1.2	Documentation shows that the election and the counting of votes were carried out fairly and openly. In case of representative(s) not elected but nominated, there is a document justifying why elections could not take place.		Х				
1.3	The results of the election (name of employees' representative(s) or in case of council composition of the council) were communicated to all employees.		Х				
1.4	The election/nomination has taken place in the ongoing year or production period. The representation is current (all elected/nominated person(s) according to the list still working for the company).		Х				
	The employees' representative(s) is/are recognized by the management and a job description clearly defines his/her/their role and rights. The employees' representative(s) is/are aware of his/her/their role and rights (in case of an employees' council, all members are interviewed).		х				
1.6	There is documentary evidence of regular meetings at accurate frequency between the employees' representative(s) and the management, where GRASP related issues are addressed.		Х				
COMPL	LIANCE LEVEL CONTROL POINT 1: (Calculated automatically based on the results per sub-controlpoint)		Fully compliant				
	Evidence/Remarks: De PV-er is op 19-7-23 gekozen. Deze uitslag hang aan de wand, samen met document klachten en zelfverklaring goede sociale praktijken. Voor iedereen te lezen. ntervieuw met PV-er gehad en vastgesteld dat deze zijn/haar rol als vertegenwoordiger begrijpt en is op de hoogte van de rechten. Laatste verslag van OR bespreking 19-7-23						
Correcti	ive Actions:						

N°	CONTROL POINT & COMPLIANCE CRITERIA	VERIFICATION	CC	OMPLIAN	CE
			Y	N	N/A
СОМЕ	PLAINT PROCEDURE				
2	CP: Is there a complaint and suggestion procedure available and implemented in the company through which employees ca	an make a complaint or suggestion	1?		
	CC: A complaint and suggestion procedure appropriate to the size of the company exists. The employees are regularly informade without being penalized and are discussed in meetings between the employees' representative(s) and the management complaints and suggestions and take corrective actions. Complaints, suggestions and their follow-up from the last 24 months	ent. The procedure specifies a time			can be
2.1	A documented complaint and suggestion procedure is available, appropriate to the size of the company.		Х		
2.2	Employees are regularly and actively informed about the complaint and suggestion procedure.		Х		
2.3	The procedure states clearly that employees will not be penalized for filing complaints or suggestions.		Х		
2.4	Complaints and suggestions are discussed in meetings between the employees' representative(s) and the management.	4	Х		
2.5	The procedure sets a timeframe to resolve complaints and suggestions (e.g. during the next month).		Х		
2.6	The complaints, suggestions and their follow-up are documented and available for the last 24 months.		Х		
COMF	PLIANCE LEVEL CONTROL POINT 2: (Calculated automatically based on the results per sub-controlpoint)		Fu	Ily compli	ant
Evider	nce/Remarks: Geen klachten geregistreerd. Er is een termijn van 1 maand om klachten te behandelen				
Correc	ctive Actions:				

N°	CONTROL POINT & COMPLIANCE CRITERIA	VERIFICATION	COMPLIANCE						
			Y	N	N/A				
SELF-DECLARATION ON GOOD SOCIAL PRACTICES									
3	CP: Has a self-declaration on good social practice regarding human rights been signed by the management and the employees?	vees' representative(s) and has th	s been co	mmunicat	ted to				
	CC: The management and the employees' representative(s) have signed, displayed and put in practice a self-declaration as employees. This declaration contains at least the commitment to the ILO core labor conventions (ILO Conventions: 111 on 29 and 105 on forced labor, 87 on freedom of association, 98 on the right to organize and collective bargaining, 100 on equ and non-discriminative hiring procedures and the complaint procedure. The self-declaration states that the employees' representative(s) have signed, displayed and put in practice a self-declaration as 29 and 105 on forced labor, 87 on freedom of association, 98 on the right to organize and collective bargaining, 100 on equ and non-discriminative hiring procedures and the complaint procedure. The self-declaration states that the employees' representative(s) have signed, displayed and put in practice a self-declaration as 29 and 105 on forced labor, 87 on freedom of association, 98 on the right to organize and collective bargaining, 100 on equ and non-discriminative hiring procedures and the complaint procedure. The self-declaration states that the employees' representative(s) have signed as 29 and 105 on forced labor, 87 on freedom of association, 98 on the right to organize and collective bargaining, 100 on equ and non-discriminative hiring procedures and the complaint procedure.	discrimination, 138 and 182 on mi al remuneration and 99 on minimu esentative(s) can file complaints v	nimum age um wage) a	e and chil	parent				
3.1	The declaration is complete and contains at least all points referred to ILO core labor conventions.		х						
3.2	The declaration has been signed by the management and by the employees' representative(s).		Х						
3.3	The declaration is actively communicated to the employees (e.g. displayed on the production site/in the handling unit/management office or attached to the working contract, information at meetings etc.).		Х						
3.4	The management, the responsible person for the implementation of GRASP and the employees' representative(s) know the content of the declaration and confirm that it is put into practice.	* * *	Х						
3.5	It is stated that the employees' representative(s) can file complaints without personal sanctions.		Х						
3.6	The declaration is checked and revised at least every 3 years or whenever necessary.		Х						
COMPLIANCE LEVEL CONTROL POINT 3: (Calculated automatically based on the results per sub-controlpoint)									
Eviden	ce/Remarks: Document ondertekend op 19-7-23 door de huidige PV-er. Hangt aan de wand, voor iedeeen te lezen.								
Correct	orrective Actions:								

N°	CONTROL POINT & COMPLIANCE CRITERIA	VERIFICATION	COMPLIANCE						
			Y	N	N/A				
ACCE	ACCESS TO NATIONAL LABOUR REGULATIONS								
4	CP: Do the person responsible for the implementation of GRASP (RGSP) and the employees' representative(s) have know	edge of or access to recent nation	ıal labor re	egulations	?				
	CC: The person responsible for the implementation of GRASP (RGSP) and the employees' representative(s) have knowledge of or access to national regulations, such as gross and minimum wages, working hours, trade union membership, anti-discrimination, child labor, labor contracts, holiday and maternity leave. Both the RGSP and the employees' representative(s) know the essential points of working conditions in agriculture as formulated in the applicable GRASP National Interpretation Guidelines.								
4.1	The RGSP provides the employees' representative(s) with the valid labor regulations (e.g. the GRASP National Interpretation Guidelines).		Х						
4.2	RGSP and the employees' representative(s) have knowledge about or access to the valid labor regulations on gross and minimum wages and deductions from wages.		Х						
4.3	RGSP and the employees' representative(s) have knowledge about or access to the valid labor regulations on working hours.		Х						
4.4	RGSP and the employees' representative(s) have knowledge about or access to the valid labor regulations on freedom of association and right to collective bargaining.		Х						
4.5	RGSP and the employees' representative(s) have knowledge about or access to the valid labor regulations on anti-discrimination.		Х						
4.6	RGSP and the employees' representative(s) have knowledge about or access to the valid labor regulations on child labor and minimum age of working.		Х						
4.7	RGSP and the employees' representative(s) have knowledge about or access to the valid labor regulations on holiday and maternity leave.		Х						
COMP	PLIANCE LEVEL CONTROL POINT 4: (Calculated automatically based on the results per sub-controlpoint)		Fully compliant						
Evider	nce/Remarks: CAO glastuinbouw van toepassing. CAO informatie te vinden via internet.			-					
Correc	ctive Actions:								

N°	CONTROL POINT & COMPLIANCE CRITERIA	VERIFICATION	COMPLIANCE					
			Υ	N	N/A			
WORK	CING CONTRACTS							
5	CP: Can valid copies of working contracts be shown for the employees? Are the working contracts compliant with applicable legislation and/or collective bargaining agreements and do they indicate at least full names, nationality, a job description, date of birth, date of entry, the regular working time, wage and the period of employment? Have they been signed by both the employee and the employer?							
	CC: For every employee, a contract can be shown to the assessor on request on a sample basis. The contracts correspond agreements. Both the employees as well as the employer have signed them. Records contain at least full names, nationalit working time, wage and the period of employment (e.g. permanent, period or day laborer etc.) and for non-national employer show any contradiction to the self-declaration on good social practices. Records of the employees must be accessible for	y, job description, date of birth, da ees their legal status and working	e of entry	, the regu	lar			
5.1	Random checks show availability of written contracts for all employees signed by both parties.	0 4	Х					
5.2	There is evidence that the employees have the correct contract according to national legislation and/or collective bargaining agreements (as stipulated in the applicable GRASP National Interpretation Guideline).		Х					
5.3	The working contracts include at least basic information on the employee's name, date of birth and nationality according to the applicable GRASP National Interpretation Guideline.		Х					
5.4	The working contracts or attachments to the contracts include basic information on the contract period (e.g. permanent, period or day laborer etc.), the wage, working hours, breaks, and a basic job description.		Х					
5.5	In the contract, there is no contradiction to the self-declaration on good social practice.		Х					
5.6	If non-national employees are working for the company, records indicate their legal status for being employed by the company. A respective working permit is available.		Х					
5.7	Records of the employees must be accessible for at least 24 months.		Х					
COMP	LIANCE LEVEL CONTROL POINT 5: (Calculated automatically based on the results per sub-controlpoint)		Fu	lly compli	ant			
	ce/Remarks: twee contacten onbepaalde tijd van W1 en W2 beoordeeld, geen opmerkingen. Verder inleenovereenkomst me -23 getekend.	t Cova getekend op 31-6-2023. en	van uitze	ndbureau	Stadion,			
Correc	prrective Actions:							

N°	CONTROL POINT & COMPLIANCE CRITERIA VERIFICATION			COMPLIANCE							
			Y	N	N/A						
PAYSL	PAYSLIPS										
6	CP: Is there documented evidence indicating regular payment of salaries corresponding to the contract clause? CC: The employer shows adequate documentation of the regular salary transfer (e.g. employee's signature on pay slip, bank transfer). Employees sign or receive copies of pay slips/pay register that make the payment transparent and comprehensible for them. Regular payment of the employees during the last 24 months is documented.										
6.1	Documented evidence that the payment is made in defined intervals (e.g. pay slips or pay registers) is available for the employees (random checks).		Х								
6.2	Pay slips or pay registers indicate that payments are made in accordance with the working contracts (e.g. employee's signature on pay slips, bank transfer etc.).		Х								
6.3	The records of payments are kept for at least 24 months.		Х								
COMPI	LIANCE LEVEL CONTROL POINT 6: (Calculated automatically based on the results per sub-controlpoint)		Fu	lly compli	ant						
	Evidence/Remarks: Twee loonstroken beordeeld, W1 en W2, betaling per bank, vast maanbedrag. Verder twe facturen van resp Stadion en Cova beoordeeld, Factuur Stadion week 18 nr 23003346 7-5-23 W 4 en factuur Cova week 14 van W3, van 27-4-23										
Correct	orrective Actions:										

N°	CONTROL POINT & COMPLIANCE CRITERIA	VERIFICATION	COMPLIANCE		
			Υ	N	N/A
WAGE	S				
7	CP: Do pay slips/pay registers indicate the conformity of payment with at least legal regulations and/or collective bargaining	agreements?			
	CC: Wages and overtime payment documented on the pay slips/pay registers indicate compliance with legal regulations (m specified in the GRASP National Interpretation Guideline. If payment is calculated per unit, employees shall be able to gain working hours.				
7.1	Pay slips or pay registers give clear indication on the number of compensated working time or harvested amount including overtime (hours/days).		Х		
7.2	Wages and overtime payments as shown in the records are according to the contracts and indicate compliance with national labor regulations (minimum wages), and/or collective bargaining agreements as specified in the GRASP National Interpretation Guideline.		Х		
7.3	Independently from the calculation unit, pay slips/pay registers document that employees gain in average at least the legal minimum wage within regular working times (especially check when piece-rate is implemented). If there are deductions from salaries and employees are being paid below minimum wage, the deductions must be justified in writing.		х		
COMPLIANCE LEVEL CONTROL POINT 7: (Calculated automatically based on the results per sub-controlpoint) Fully control point (Calculated automatically based on the results per sub-control point)			ılly compli	ant	
Evidence/Remarks: Geen opmerkingen over loonstroken of facturen. Voldoet.					
Correct	Corrective Actions:				

N°	CONTROL POINT & COMPLIANCE CRITERIA	VERIFICATION	COMPLIANCE		
			Υ	N	N/A
NON-E	NON-EMPLOYMENT OF MINORS				
8	CP: Do records indicate that no minors are employed at the company?				
	CC: Records indicate compliance with national legislation regarding minimum age of employment. If not covered by national children—as core family members—are working at the company, they are not engaged in work that is dangerous to their heal them from finishing their compulsory school education.				
8.1	Dates of birth on the records show that no employee is aged below the legal minimum age of employment or, if not specified in the GRASP National Interpretation Guideline, under the age of 15.		Х		
8.2	If children—as core family members—are working at the company, they are not engaged in work that is dangerous to their health and safety (according to the applicable IFA All Farm Base Module), that -jeopardizes their development or prevents them from finishing their compulsory school education.				x
COMPLIANCE LEVEL CONTROL POINT 8: (Calculated automatically based on the results per sub-controlpoint)		Fully compliant			
Evidence/Remarks: Jongste medewerker ten tijde van de audit is 19 jaar. Geen kinderen van eigenaren , jonger dan 21 jaar, werkzaam op bedrijf.					
Correct	Corrective Actions:				

N°	CONTROL POINT & COMPLIANCE CRITERIA	VERIFICATION	COMPLIANCE		
			Y	N	N/A
ACCE	SS TO COMPULSORY SCHOOL EDUCATION				
9	CP: Do the children of employees living on the company's production/handling sites have access to compulsory school edu	ıcation?			
	CC: There is documented evidence that children of employees at compulsory schooling age (according to national legislatic access to compulsory school education, either through provided transport to a public school or through on-site schooling.	on) living on the company's produc	tion/handl	ing sites I	nave
9.1	There is a list of all children in the age of compulsory schooling age living on the company's production/handling sites, with sufficient indications on name, name of parents, date of birth, school attendance, etc. Children of management may be excluded.				х
9.2	There is evidence of transport facilities if children cannot reach school within acceptable walking distance (half an hour walking or according to the GRASP National Interpretation Guideline).				Х
9.3	There is evidence of an on-site schooling system when access to schools is not available.				Х
COMPLIANCE LEVEL CONTROL POINT 9: (Calculated automatically based on the results per sub-controlpoint)		Not applicable			
Evider	nce/Remarks: Geen werknemers woonachttig op dit bedrijf.				
Correc	ctive Actions:				

N°	CONTROL POINT & COMPLIANCE CRITERIA	VERIFICATION	COMPLIANCE		
.,		V Extra 167 till 611	Υ	N	N/A
TIME	RECORDING SYSTEM				
10	CP: Is there a time recording system that shows daily working time and overtime on a daily basis for the employees?				
	CC: There is a time recording system implemented appropriate to the size of the company that makes working hours and o daily basis. Working times of the employees during the last 24 months are documented. Records are regularly approved by representative(s).				on a
10.1	A time recording system is implemented, appropriate to the size of the company (e.g. time record sheet, check clock, electronic cards, etc.).		Х		
10.2	The records indicate the regular working time for employees on a daily basis.		Х		
10.3	The records indicate the overtime hours as defined by contracts per legislation for all employees on a daily basis.		Х		
10.4	The records indicate the breaks/festive days for the employees (on a daily basis).		Х		
10.5	The working records are regularly approved by the employees (e.g. regularly signed record sheet, checking clock).		Х		
10.6	Access to these records is provided to the employees' representative(s).		Х		
10.7	The records are kept for at least 24 months.		Х		
COMPLIANCE LEVEL CONTROL POINT 10: (Calculated automatically based on the results per sub-controlpoint)			Fully compliant		
Evidence/Remarks: Kloksysteem aanwezig waaarin alle pauzes en gewerkte uren bijgehouden worden. De PV-er heeft toegang tot deze registraties. Vrije dagen en feestdagen woren bijgehouden.					
Correc	ctive Actions:				

N°	CONTROL POINT & COMPLIANCE CRITERIA	VERIFICATION	COMPLIANCE		
			Y	N	N/A
WORK	KING HOURS & BREAKS				
11	CP: Do working hours and breaks documented in the time records comply with applicable legislation and/or collective barga	aining agreements?			
	CC: Documented working hours, breaks and rest days are in line with applicable legislation and/or collective bargaining agr indicate that regular weekly working hours do not exceed a maximum of 48 hours. During peak season (harvest), weekly we breaks/days are also guaranteed during peak season.	eements. If not regulated more str orking time does not exceed a max	ictly by leg	gislation, r 30 hours.	ecords Rest
11.1	Information on valid labor regulation and/or collective bargaining agreements regarding working hours and breaks is available (e.g. in the GRASP National Interpretation Guideline).		Х		
11.2	Working hours including overtime as shown in the records indicate compliance with legal regulations and/or collective bargaining agreements.		Х		
11.3	Rest breaks/days as shown in the records indicate compliance with national regulations and/or bargaining agreements.		Х		
11.4	If not regulated more strictly by applicable legislation, regular weekly working time does not exceed 48 hours. During peak season (harvest), weekly working time does not exceed 60 hours.		Х		
11.5	The records indicate that rest breaks/days are also guaranteed during peak season.		Х		
COMPLIANCE LEVEL CONTROL POINT 11: (Calculated automatically based on the results per sub-controlpoint)		Fully compliant			
Evidence/Remarks: W1 heeft in jan 2023 167 uur gewerkt en W2 april 23 152 uur 17 uur overtime. W3 heeft in week 18 45 uur gewwerkt en W4 in week 14 27,9 uur. Voldoet.					
Correc	tive Actions:				

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GOOD PRACTICE

N°	CONTROL POINT & COMPLIANCE CRITERIA
ADDITI	IONAL SOCIAL BENEFITS
R1	What other forms of social benefit does the company offer to employees, their families and/or the community? Please specify (incentives for good and safe working performance, bonus payment, support of professional development, social benefits, child care, improvement of social surroundings etc.).
Evidend	ce/Remarks: