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Prezados Senhores!

Estamos encaminhando informações sobre “epidemia do coronavírus (COVID-19)”

Atenciosamente.

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Dear GLOBALG.A.P. certification body,

GLOBALG.A.P. is continuing to monitor government and other external advice to assess the risks following the outbreak and rapid spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Certification bodies may face difficulties conducting inspections/audits in high-risk areas. Please note that you may extend the certificate validity for 4 months based on general regulations I, 6.7.2. if you cannot conduct the inspection/audit.

6.7.2. Extension of Certificate Validity

- a) The validity may be extended beyond the 12 months (for a maximum period of 4 months) only if there is a valid reason, which has to be recorded. Here are the only reasons that are considered to be valid:*
- (i) ...*
 - (ii) ...*
 - (iii) The CB was not able to conduct the on-site inspection/audit and/or the producer was not able to receive the CB inspection audit due to circumstances beyond its control (force majeure) e.g. natural disaster, political instability in the region, **epidemic**, or unavailability of the producer due to medical reasons.*

Among other sources, certification bodies can find information about high-risk areas [here](#).

The 4 months extension is a temporary solution. As stated above, GLOBALG.A.P. is continuing to monitor government and other external advice to assess the risks and will provide further updates as the situation develops.

Additionally, there is an [IAF Informative Document for Management of Extraordinary Events or Circumstances Affecting ABs, CABs and Certified Organizations Issue 1 \(IAF ID 3: 2011\)](#) and proposed guidelines to mitigate the impact of an [COVID-19 epidemic on certification and accreditation bodies \(based on IAF ID3-2011\)](#).

(For a PDF version of this communication please see [here](#).)

Best Regards,

The GLOBALG.A.P. Secretariat

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