

## FSI Announces launch of certification services for small-scale growers in the Global North

12 March 2025 – The Floriculture Sustainability Initiative (FSI) is pleased to announce the upcoming launch of certification services tailored for small-scale growers in the Global North. In collaboration with MPS and FoodPLUS GmbH (owner of GLOBALG.A.P.), these services will be available before the end of the second quarter of 2025.

## Certification services names and launch dates:

| Name offered service | Name organisation | Availability date |
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| MPS Compact          | MPS               | March 2025        |
| FloriCompact         | FoodPLUS GmbH     | June 2025         |

Effective immediately, small-scale growers can apply for the new certification scheme through FSI. This initiative is specifically designed for growers in the Global North (mainly Europe and Israel) with an annual turnover of less than €250,000 from floricultural products.

## Key benefits of the small-scale grower scheme:

- Become FSI Compliant for ENVIRONMENTAL, GAP and SOCIAL scopes\*
- Focused audits on the most relevant control points.
- Physical audits every three years (year 1, 4, 7, 10, etc.).

\*Please note: The social module in the Small-Scale Grower Scheme will not be mandatory nor audited until further notice. Until then, a grower participating in the scheme will be considered FSI-compliant if both the GAP module and the ENVIRONMENTAL module have been successfully audited in accordance with the scheme's requirements.

FSI will provide further updates on developments and the timeline for SOCIAL certification for all growers in the Global North, as well as the implementation of the social module within the Small-Scale Grower Scheme.

## **Application process:**

1. Fill in the application form on the FSI website to ensure eligibility.

Find the application form here: FSI Compact

- 2. Receive a confirmation letter from FSI.
- 3. Approach a certification body for a quotation.





With the FSI confirmation letter you can approach the certification body of your choice:

- For MPS: MPS ECAS <a href="https://my-mps.com/offerteaanvraagformulier/">https://my-mps.com/offerteaanvraagformulier/</a> [start from March 2025]
- For FoodPLUS GmbH: search in <u>GLOBALG.A.P. for Certification Bodies</u>. [start from June 2025]
- 4. Begin the certification process upon agreement.

FSI encourages small-scale growers to register as soon as possible. Certified growers will benefit from their FSI Compliant status and verified responsible production, meeting the growing demand across the floricultural chain.

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