

Protected Agricultural Stewardship Standards Equivalency Table

This table is to assist Protected Ag Operators in assessing overlap with existing 3rd party audited programs. Operators with current certifications will automatically pass all protocols indicated with (Y) below upon presentation of the third party certification. In many instances, information gathered for the below mentioned programs can be used to achieve compliance with PAS protocols with small amendments, noted as (I)nfo below. Unique PAS protocols with no equivalency at noted as (N). Please contact [Justine Taylor](#) for more information or to provide further clarity on equivalent programs.

Protocol		PrimusGFS		SQF		Canada GAP			Ontario MECP ECA
A1	Pesticide Flow Chart	I	Water flow diagrams and site maps used for Primus compliance can be used to satisfy this protocol provided that they contain all elements noted in the description of A1. Simple amendments of the existing diagrams should suffice to meet these requirements. It is not mandatory to have all elements included on a single map. Multiple maps are acceptable. Map(s) to be provided to PAS auditors. Ref: 6.01.04, 3.02.01, 3.11.07	N		I	Water flow diagrams and site maps used for CanadaGAP compliance can be used to satisfy this protocol provided that they contain all elements noted in the description of A1. Simple amendments of the existing diagrams should suffice to meet these requirements. It is not mandatory to have all elements included on a single map. Multiple maps are acceptable. Map(s) to be provided to PAS auditors. Ref: Form (A) diagram	N	
A2	Signage	a-I b-I c-N	Many of the signage requirements will be met by Primus certification or Health & Safety requirements. Provide PAS auditor with photographic evidence Ref: 2.07.09, 5.01.03 Ref: 3.04.02	N		a-N b-Y c-N	Some of the signage requirements will be met by CanadaGAP certification or Health & Safety requirements. Provide PAS auditor with photographic evidence Ref: 6.3	N	
A3	Emergency Equipment	N		N		N		N	
A4	In-house Employee Training	a-N	This section refers to training on your in-house SOPs (identified in B4). Provincial pesticide licencing or certification is not a replacement for in-house site specific training. Provide PAS auditor with training records	a-N	This section refers to training on your in-house SOPs (identified in B4). Provincial pesticide licencing or certification is not a replacement for in-house site specific training. Provide PAS auditor with training records	N		N	

		b-N c-N d-I	Ref: 3.11.09	b-N c-N d-Y	Ref: 18.8.1.3			
A5	Pesticides in Storage Area	I	This requirement is met by certification. Provide PAS auditor with date-stamped photographic evidence Ref: 3.04.02, 2.05.03, 5.01.01	I	This requirement is met by certification. Provide PAS auditor with date-stamped photographic evidence Ref: 18.8.1	I	This requirement is met by certification. Provide PAS auditor with date-stamped photographic evidence Ref: 6.3	N
A6	Pesticide Containers	a-N b-I c-I	Many of these requirements are met by certification. Provide PAS auditor with date-stamped photographic evidence Ref: 4.05.04 Ref: 3.04.02	a-N b-I c-I	Many of these requirements are met by certification. Provide PAS auditor with date-stamped photographic evidence Ref: 18.8.1.4 Ref: 18.8.2.1	a-I b-I c-I	All of these requirements are met by certification. Provide PAS auditor with date-stamped photographic evidence Ref: 6.3 Ref: 10.2 Ref: 6.3	N
A7	SDS	I	This item is likely met by certification. Provide PAS auditor with photographic evidence of the presence of SDSs. Ref: 5.11.01	I	This item is likely met by certification. Provide PAS auditor with photographic evidence of the presence of SDSs. Ref: 18.8.1.2 (iv)	N		N
A8	Pesticide Storage Area	a-I b-I c-N d-N	Many of these requirements are met by certification. Provide PAS auditor with date-stamped photographic evidence Ref: 3.04.02	a-I b-I c-N d-I	Many of these requirements are met by certification. Provide PAS auditor with date-stamped photographic evidence Ref: 18.8.1.2	N		N
A9	Pesticide Mixing/Loading – Closed loop	N		N		N		N
A10	Pesticide Mixing/Loading – Foliar	N		N		N		N

B1	Pesticide Application Documentation	Y	Auto-pass Present PAS auditor with certification. All application records accepted by Primus are acceptable. Do not alter, amend or otherwise change your existing records. Ref: 3.11.01	Y	Auto-pass Present PAS auditor with certification. All application records accepted by SQF are acceptable. Do not alter, amend or otherwise change your existing records. Ref: 18.8.4.3	Y	Auto-pass Present PAS auditor with certification. All application records accepted by CanadaGAP are acceptable. Do not alter, amend or otherwise change your existing records. Ref: 6.2	N	
B2	Provincial Certification	Y	Auto-pass Present PAS auditor with certification. Ref: 3.11.08, 3.11.09	I	Present PAS auditor with provincial certification. Ref: 18.8.1.3	Y	Auto-pass Present PAS auditor with certification. Ref: 6.2	N	
B3	PPE for handling pesticides	N		N		N		N	
B4	SOPs for handling pesticides	Y	Auto-pass Present PAS auditor with certification. Ref: 3.11.07	N		N		N	
C1	Water Management Assessment (i.e. dye test)	N		N		N		N	
C2	System Monitoring	N		N		N		Y	Auto-pass Present PAS auditor with ECA
C3	System Maintenance	I	These requirements may be met by certification. Provide PAS auditor with documentation on system maintenance Ref: 5.14.01, 3.10.08	N		N		N	
C4	Spill Response Plan	N		N		N		Y?	Check
D1	Emergency Equipment Maintenance	N		N		N		N	
D2	Handling of Haz Waste	N		N		N		N	

D3	Accident Procedures	N		N		N		N	
E1	Emergency Response Plan	N		I	Some of these requirements are met by certification. If needed, amend the ER plan to ensure all items specified in E1 are met. Provide auditor with amended ER plan. Ref: 2.6.3.1	N		N	
E2	Emergency Drills	N		I	Certification meets this requirements provided that amendments to the ER are made as described above. Provide PAS auditor with records Ref: 2.6.3.2	N		N	