

Internal Inspections

In this section, the standard requirements related internal inspections of the producer members of the group are provided

Brief About the Requirements

Key Points to be kept in mind for selection and qualification of internal inspectors and conducting of internal inspections of producer members of the group.

1. Coverage and use of Check lists for internal inspections:

- All the producer members of the Group to be inspected using the Control Points and Compliance Criteria Checklists as applicable to the crop module.

2. Frequency:

- Minimum of once in a year in case of annual crop or per crop cycle as applicable.

3. Competency of Internal Inspectors:

- Evaluation of competency requirements documented in internal inspector qualification matrix, which is uploaded into the section.
- Internal inspections become void, if the internal inspections are conducted by inspectors who does not meet the qualification requirements.

4. Use of Internal or External inspectors:

- In case, the Group does not have the qualified inspectors, then it can engage the external inspectors meeting the above requirements.

5. Non Conformances during Internal Inspections:

- All Non Conformances if any raised by the Internal Inspectors during internal inspections to be closed by the producer member or the group before scheduling internal audit of the group and external inspections

6. Submission of Reports:

- All the inspection reports to be submitted by the internal inspectors to the group

7. Records:

- All the qualifications and trainings of the internal inspectors meeting the above requirements to be kept by the group for submission to the internal auditor and certification body during the external audit.

Notes:

- You are always advised to go through the latest requirements for selection and qualification of inspectors by visiting the websites of relevant standard /scheme owners .