

# Global Standard Plant-Based, Issue 1

## PB109: Position Statements for Issue 1

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Document Scope: Where clarification of interpretation of a requirement of the Global Standard Plant-Based or its protocol is necessary this will be published on the BRCGS website ([www.brcgs.com](http://www.brcgs.com)) as a Position Statement. Such statements form normative documents and are mandatory in their use from the date specified for implementation or the date of publication on the BRCGS website, where no date is specified.

Change log:

Version no.	Date	Description
1	31/03/2021	Position Statement 1 added. Accreditation is not currently a requirement of the Standard.
2	18/10/2022	Addition of Position Statement 2 – Clarification of Clause 1.2

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**1. Accreditation is currently not a requirement of the Standard.**

**Part IV Management and Governance – Requirements for certification bodies**

The Plant-Based Global Standard is a product and process certification scheme. In this standard, sites are certified upon completion of a satisfactory audit by an approved auditor employed by an independent third party – the certification body. The certification body shall have a license in place with BRCGS meeting all license requirements including having a current ISO/IEC 17065 accreditation for a GFSI or equivalent food safety scheme by a national accreditation body. The Standard does not currently require to be accredited itself.

**What has changed?**

There is currently no requirement for the Standard to be accredited.

There has been some confusion within the industry as to when a site needs to complete a Schedule A for Plant-Based certification. The aim of this Position Statement is to clarify when a Schedule A is required and what the process is.

## 2 Clause 1.2 - Schedule A

The site must have a current Schedule A, which lists all plant-based products that will be recognized under the Standard, that has been approved by BRCGS and is less than 1 year old.

### What has changed?

No change to the wording of Clause 1.2 or the process of Schedule A approval. The aim of this Position Statement is to clarify that a Schedule A is required and the process for approval.

### Process:

Sites or Brand Owners should obtain a template Schedule A from [labels@brcgs.com](mailto:labels@brcgs.com) and complete the relevant details including which trademarks are used on the products listed. Schedules A are valid for 12 months from the "Date of Approval" unless stated otherwise, and shall be submitted to [labels@brcgs.com](mailto:labels@brcgs.com) for approval when changes to the product list are made.

A Schedule A must be completed regardless of whether trademarks are used or not. Where no products are listed on the Schedules A, we will assume no trademarks are being used on any of the brands produced at the site.

A separate Schedule A needs to be completed on behalf of each Brand Owner which uses either the BRCGS Plant-Based trademark, or another Vegan or Plant-Based trademark.

If no trademarks are being used, only one Schedule A is required to be completed to meet the requirement of Clause 1.2.

A valid Schedule A can:

- Include a list of products which indicate use of the BRCGS Plant-Based trademark and/or another Vegan or Plant-Based trademark or claim; or
- Include a list of products which do not use any trademarks but wish to be recognised under the Plant-Based Standard; or
- List no products at all – the manufacturing site details must be completed