

Summary of Smallholder Discussions during GLOBALGAP Sector Committee June 2009

Smallholder summary by Stephen Mbithi.

The main challenge seems to be the actual cost of certification (not of compliance). Cost year on year is a big challenge. Fees from CBs are too high.

Complexity issue: Diagrams and simplifications and training material are necessary.

Specific comments to the standard – Issues discussed:

- Traceability: Segregation on group level or to the individual member.
- First aid: Sharing within a group is not a problem
- Worker housing: this is not applicable when the producer has not workers
- Legal entity: not about ownership of the land, but ownership of the product.
- Calculation of water requirement is a challenge.
- Risk assessments: A guidance document will be helpful
- Samples are groups within a group – this is acceptable AS LONG as the group will be sanctioned when there is an exceedance.
- Reducing the number of CPCCs will be of great help.
- GLOBALGAP Fee table: This should be taken to the Board. The fee that a small producer pay per hectare is not equivalent to that what a larger producer pays.
- Next ACTIONS: Definition of a smallholder is necessary
- An Interpretation guideline for smallholders should be the output.