

SERVICE SNAPSHOT

COMPLIANCE AND CERTIFICATION SUPPORT



Current activities at the Levubu Centre for Excellence focus on macadamia, avocado, and vegetable production systems, with a strong emphasis on enabling compliance with local and international market standards.

Within the macadamia industry, there is an increasing regulatory and market-driven focus on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), record-keeping, and full traceability systems. This is reinforced by recent regulatory developments, including Government Gazette No. R7086, which sets out standards for food hygiene and food safety of regulated agricultural products of plant origin intended for export. These requirements place greater emphasis on documented systems, traceability from orchard to export, and verifiable compliance, making structured compliance support essential for market access.

We provide specialised, experience-driven support to help producers implement the latest certification requirements, establish compliant systems, and successfully prepare for audits.

Core Capability

We support producers and agribusinesses through the full compliance journey:

- Interpretation and implementation of certification standards.
- Development of company policies and procedures.
- Training of management and operational teams.
- Audit preparation and readiness support.
- Our approach ensures that compliance systems are practical, auditable, and embedded in daily farm operations.

Standards & Certification support

Social & Environmental Compliance

- **SIZA (Sustainability Initiative of South Africa)**
 - Social compliance.
 - Environmental compliance.
- **Rainforest Alliance Certification**
 - Sustainable agriculture practices.
 - Environmental stewardship and biodiversity protection.
 - Social responsibility and worker welfare.
- **LEAF Marque Standard Setting**
 - LEAF Marque is an environmental assurance scheme, showing that food has been grown sustainably and with care for the environment.

Good Agricultural Practices & market standards

- **GlobalG.A.P. (Integrated Farming Assurance).**
- **Add-on modules**
 - GRASP (social practice assessment).
 - NURTURE (retailer-specific sustainability requirements).
 - SPRING.
- **Retail & buyer standards**
 - Farming for the Future (Woolworths).
 - Alignment with additional retailer and export market requirements.
- **Sustainability & future compliance**
 - Carbon footprint benchmarking & reporting.



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