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Compass Launch Information – July 2024

Purpose of Compass: Compass is a client portal designed to streamline the approval process for GFCO-certified products and ingredients. Compass will help you manage and track your product and ingredient approvals and ensure immediate access to updated certificates. We plan to expand its functionality to cover other aspects of certification in the future.

Migration to Compass: As we transition to Compass, we will continue to accept GFCO Excel Product-Ingredient lists for product updates until January 1, 2025. This will hopefully provide enough time for you to familiarize yourself with the new system and adjust your internal processes smoothly.

New Look for GFCO Certificates: Starting in August, you will notice changes in our certificates to align with the new Compass system. The new certificates will be formatted and styled differently, organized by brand and production location.

Previously Approved Products: All of your currently approved products and certificates will be migrated to Compass prior to your access into the system.

Where are my ingredients? Due to the differences in data structures, ingredient information will not be automatically migrated. However, we provide importing tools to help you bring your ingredient libraries into Compass. Our staff is also available to assist with this transition. For ingredients previously approved but not yet entered into Compass, we will refer you to the most up-to-date product-ingredient Excel template for their GFCO risk levels. When an ingredient is entered and approved in Compass, it will receive a risk score that will then become that ingredient's current risk factor.

What about new products or changes to existing products? With Compass's new relational data structure, future product approvals will require an association with their respective ingredients. Previously approved products migrated to Compass will need to have their ingredients associated if any changes or edits are made to those products in order for the changes to be approved. Similarly, any new products will also require ingredient associations for approval.