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Clarification to Timing of Laying Hen Air Quality Assessment – Standard 4.6.1

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The informational note for Standard 4.6.1 of G.A.P.'s Animal Welfare Pilot Standards for Laying Hens v1.1 states: *"For systems where hens have access to the outdoors/pasture, air quality must be assessed before popholes are opened."*

For operations with outdoor or pasture access that have housing with a door that functions as entry/exit point for both birds and care-givers, G.A.P. acknowledges that air quality cannot physically be assessed prior to opening the door. Rather, the air quality must be assessed as soon as possible after opening the door.