

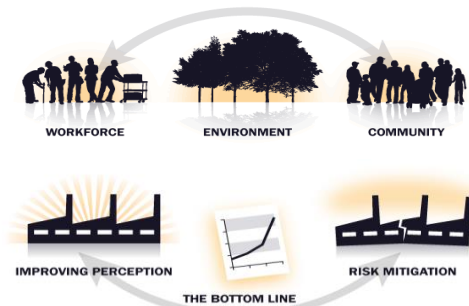
## Product Stewardship Certification

**By assessing your company's product stewardship performance and joining IFA's *Protect & Sustain* certification, you will identify your current status and prove your commitment to reaching a high level of safety, security and sustainability.**

The goal of this de facto global product stewardship certification standard is to continuously improve safety, security and sustainability in fertilizer production plants, as well as beyond the factory gates by choosing business partners that share the same values (lifespan approach).

### Benefits throughout the product lifespan:

- 1) Safer working conditions
- 2) More committed employees
- 3) Better environmental protection
- 4) Safer communities
- 5) Improved reputation
- 6) Better public image
- 7) Maximized profitability
- 8) Shared best practices



### Obtaining *Protect and Sustain* certification:

- IFA's global audit process includes three stages:
  - Stage 1:** Pre-audit preparation: audit program, identify a representative list of sites
  - Stage 2:** On-site audit by an independent third party
  - Stage 3:** Mid-term review (within 18 months)
- Six key areas are being regularly examined:
  - Area 1:** *Protect & Sustain* management system
  - Area 2:** Product development and planning
  - Area 3:** Sourcing and contractor management
  - Area 4:** Manufacturing techniques
  - Area 5:** Supply chain to customer
  - Area 6:** Marketing, sales and application
- Validity of each certificate: **3 years.**
- Certified companies include: **DSW, GPIC, GrowHow, ICL Fertilizers, Mosaic, QAFCO, Yara International**

For more information: [www.protectandsustain.org](http://www.protectandsustain.org)