

## Cooperative Vitivinicola de la Pobra del Duc, Spain

Safer Lighting Solutions

**W**hen a co-operative enterprise in the province of Valencia, Spain came to renewing its portfolio of food safety standards, it turned to fragment retention lamp specialists GlassGuard® to satisfy the compliance criteria required to protect its lighting.

Cooperative Vitivinicola de la Pobra del Duc which is part of the Anecoop Group (Europe's leading supplier of fruit) carries out the sorting, grading and packaging of fruit for export to a number of major retailers worldwide, including Aldi in the UK.



In a pre-audit inspection of the control point relating to lamps positioned above its production and packaging area, it was found that their existing lamps were not protected and therefore posed a serious risk of contamination to their produce should an accidental breakage occur.

Schemes such as GLOBALG.A.P.'s Integrated Farm Assurance state that it is a major must for light bulbs and fixtures suspended above produce to be protected or shielded so as to prevent contamination of food.

In order to comply with this compliance criteria, Cooperative Vitivinicola de la Pobra del Duc replaced their existing lamps with 250 W GlassGuard® coated High Intensity Discharge (HID) fragment retention lamps in its 2500m<sup>2</sup> production and packaging room.

 <p><b>GLOBALG.A.P.</b> INTEGRATED FARM ASSURANCE ALL FARM BASE   CROPS BASE   FRUIT AND VEGETABLES CONTROL POINTS AND COMPLIANCE CRITERIA ENGLISH VERSION 4.0 VERSION 4.0.0 (MARCH 2013) VALID FROM MARCH 2013 OBLIGATORY FROM JUNE 2013</p>	<b>No</b>	FV 5.4.6
	<b>Control Point</b>	Are breakage safe lamps and/or lamps with a protective cap used above the sorting, weighing and storage area?
	<b>Compliance Criteria</b>	In case of breakage, light bulbs and fixtures suspended above produce or material used for produce handling are of a safe type or are protected/shielded so as to prevent contamination of food.
	<b>Level</b>	Major Must



"Following requests from our customers and to improve our competitiveness, it was important for us to gain the GLOBALG.A.P. Certification for the warehouse area where the fruit is handled. One of the biggest issues we faced was that all the luminaires (about 30) had to be protected in accordance to the 'major must' requirement of the Certification. Changing the fitting and protecting the bulbs was a big investment to meet this requirement. This is why we chose GlassGuard® fragment retention lamps as they offer a safer solution and provide an added-value investment."

**Silvan Albert, Quality Technician**