

GFSI: Safe Food for Consumers Everywhere

The increasing severity and frequency of food safety incidents across the globe has certainly tested consumer confidence in the food supply chain. How do producers, processors, distributors, and retailers – all those responsible for getting our food from farm to fork – maximize the safety of what consumers will find on their plate during a night out to eat or on store shelves while shopping at their local grocery store? In response to a number of food safety scares, a group of international retailers created the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) whose central vision has been “Safe Food for Consumers Everywhere.” GFSI, who now represents over 70% of food retail revenue worldwide, is committed to benchmarking food safety management schemes in order to enhance food safety and restore consumer confidence. Equally important, GFSI encourages common retailer acceptance of GFSI recognized standards in order to reduce excessive audit costs for suppliers.



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Safe Quality Food (SQF)



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Everybody Cares About Food Safety



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SQF: Protecting Consumers, Protecting Brands

The Safe Quality Food (SQF) third-party certification program is managed by the Food Marketing Institute



(FMI) whose vision is to be the single most trusted source for global food safety and quality certification. The SQF Program is a complete food safety and quality management system and is the only GFSI globally recognized standard based in the United States. An increasing number of U.S. and international food retailers are expressing a preference for SQF certified suppliers and certificates have now been issued in more than 30 countries.

Why are more suppliers and their buyers requesting SQF? SQF independent certification provides assurance that food has been produced, processed, and handled according to the highest possible standards and that it has met domestic and international food safety regulations. This leading risk analysis and prevention-based standard also serves the needs of all levels of the food supply chain and offers a host of unique features and benefits.



SQF Certification: Levels and Food Sector Categories...

The SQF Code, Ed. 8.1 is based on the food safety principles and methods of HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points). It is designed for use by all sectors of the food industry from primary production and manufacturing to distribution and retail. Suppliers may seek certification for the applicable SQF code, all of which incorporate continuous improvement:

- **SQF Food Safety Fundamentals**

An entry level for new and developing businesses covering only GAP / GMP / GDP requirements and basic food safety elements (Module 2)

- **SQF Food Safety Code**

Designed as the minimum level for suppliers of high risk products, SQF Food Safety Code incorporates all fundamental requirements and also requires a comprehensive HACCP - based food safety risk assessment of products and associated processes. The new Food Safety Codes include:

- Primary Production
- Storage and Distribution
- Manufacturing
- Food Retail
- Manufacture of Food Packaging

- **SQF Quality Code**

In addition to SQF Food Safety Code requirements, suppliers must document a food quality risk assessment of products and associated processes and identify the controls and actions required for ensuring consistent product quality.

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