



Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) Certification

GFSI Intro & Benefits



Introduction

- Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI)
- GFSI is a private organization
- Benchmarks and approves different auditing schemes (i.e. SQF, BRCGS, FSSC, IFS)
- Customer driven

Benefits

- Market access
- Stay competitive
- Rigorous audits
- Better performance
- Safer food
- Demonstrates due diligence

What is Involved?



- Senior Management Commitment
 - Resources (financial, staffing, qualifications)
 - Appoint dedicated full time Food Safety Program Manager
 - Management authority
 - Supports food safety culture
 - Open communication
 - Realistic timeline to achieve certification
- Ongoing Continuous Improvement (KPIs)

Steps to becoming GFSI Certified



- Select a Standard (i.e. SQF, BRCGS, FSSC, IFS)
- Become familiar/get trained on requirements
- Determine scope of certification
- Documenting and implementing food safety management system (internally or consultants)
- Pre-assessment audit (optional but recommended)
- Register with certification body (3 mths records)
- Schedule audit with certification body
- Audited by certification body

Audit Process



- Initial certification audit, opening meeting
 - Written program, employee practices, and processes
- Audit reporting and closing meeting
 - Non-conformances
 - Tentative audit score, technical review
- Review audit report
- Submit corrective actions
- Certificate issued, if corrective actions are accepted and closed out
- Annual re-certification (announced vs. unannounced)

Perennia's Services & Funding



- Assessments
 - Gap assessments
 - Pre-audit assessments
- Coaching – assisting with food safety management systems development and implementation
- Training (Public or Customized In-house training)

Seafood Accelerator Program Funding (March 2023)



- Seafood Market Access Food Safety Program
 - <https://www.perennia.ca/seafood/marketaccessprogram/>
- Product Development Programs
 - Technical Obstacles
 - <https://www.perennia.ca/seafood/technicalobstacles/>
 - New Product Creator
 - <https://www.perennia.ca/seafood/accelerator-seafood-new-product-creator/>

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