Kiwa Agri Food



BRC Global Food Issue 8

Key Changes

The striking visual change is the inclusion of nine sections from the historical seven. High-risk, High-care and Ambient high-care production risk zones now have a dedicated section and the voluntary module Traded goods is now included within the standard.

What are the objectives for Issue 8?

Align Issue 8 with the GFSI benchmark requirements to include:

- Environmental monitoring
- Food defence
- Product security
- Pet food
- Recognise the importance of good Food Safety Culture
- Incorporate the learning from recalls and Incidents

How does Issue 8 meet its objectives?

- Senior Management Commitment
- The site's senior management shall define and maintain a clear plan for the development and continuing improvement of food safety and quality culture.
- Reporting Issues
- The company shall have a confidential reporting system to enable staff to report concerns relating to product safety, integrity, quality and legality.
- Food Safety and Quality Management Systems
- Internal audits clear expectations for scheduling throughout the year
- Supplier approval clarification re ongoing approvals
- Out sourced processing applies only where product comes back to site
- Root cause analysis procedures now needed
- Product Security and Food Defence

The company shall undertake a documented risk assessment (threat assessment) of the potential risks to products from any deliberate attempt to inflict contamination of damage. This assessment shall include both internal and external threats.

Labels and packing

Product recall / withdrawal data shows the underlying cause of the greatest number of problems is still associated with errors in labelling and packing

Change control required at receipt of packaging and labels.

Training required on labelling procedures

Environmental monitoring

Sites to develop a rigorous monitoring programme, enabling timely corrective action before product contamination occurs.