1. References

1.1 GFSI Benchmarking Requirements, version 2020, Part II, Section 6: Multi-site Certification:

The following scopes of recognition may be considered for certification of multi-site organisations, based on a sampling of the sites:

- AI FARMING OF ANIMALS FOR MEAT/ MILK/ EGGS / HONEY
- ALL FARMING OF FISH AND SEAFOOD
- BI FARMING OF PLANTS (OTHER THAN GRAINS AND PULSES)
- BII FARMING OF GRAINS AND PULSES
- BIII PRE-PROCESS HANDLING OF PLANT PRODUCTS, NUTS AND GRAINS
- G PROVISION OF STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION SERVICES

6.28: A risk-based approach shall be in place to determine the eligibility of commodities. Certain crops or activities deemed "high-risk" shall not be eligible for multi-site or group certification.

1.2 The Requirements for SQF Multi-site Certification are described in Appendix 4 of the following edition 9 Food Safety Codes:

**Packing, Handling, or Manufacturing of Primary Products:**
- The SQF Food Safety Code for Primary Plant Production
- The SQF Food Safety Code for Primary Animal Production
- The SQF Food Safety Code for Aquaculture
- The SQF Food Safety Code for Food Manufacturing
- The SQF Food Safety Code for Animal Product Manufacturing

**Storage and Distribution:**
- The SQF Food Safety Code for Storage and Distribution

1.3 Appendix 2: Glossary (all edition 9 Food Safety Codes)

**Sub-site:** An SQF certified site which operates under a contractual link to an SQF certified central site within an SQF multi-site program (refer to Appendix 4: Requirements for SQF Multi-site Certification).

1.4 Appendix 4: Requirements for SQF Multi-site Certification

1.1 This appendix outlines the requirements for establishing and maintaining certification of a multi-
site program that is managed by an SQF certified central site (packhouse, grain handling/elevator or manufacturer of primary products) that, through a risk-based approach, has determined it is engaged in low risk activities.

2. **Amendment**

2.1 Sub-sites within an SQF Multi-site program can only operate in one or more of the following industry sectors:

   Appendix 4 (primary): Food Sector Categories 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

   Appendix 4 (storage and distribution): Food Sector Category 26