

**EDITION 9 CODE AMENDMENT - MEDICAL SCREENING**

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**1. References**

- 1.1 GFSI Benchmarking Requirements, version 2020.1, part III (industry sectors BIII, C0, CI-CIV, D, G, I, and K):

GMP 6.3: A medical screening procedure shall be established, implemented and maintained to identify conditions impacting food safety and that any person affected shall immediately report illness or symptoms to management, subject to legal restrictions in the country of operation.

**2. General Principles**

- 2.1 The Good Industry Practice (GIP) modules in the SQF Food Safety Codes, edition 9 include a section on Personal Hygiene and Welfare (11.3 in the SQF Food Safety Code for Food Manufacturing), and a clause on Personal Welfare (11.3.1 in the Manufacturing Code). The numbering varies in each of the GIP modules.
- 2.2 Although the requirement for medical screening is implied in each of the Personal Hygiene and Welfare sections, it is not explicitly stated. This Procedure (SQF 028) is to advise all SQF certified sites, certification bodies and SQF Professionals that SQFI requires a medical screening procedure to be included in the following elements:

The SQF Food Safety Code for Primary Plant Production	10.4.1.1
The SQF Food Safety Code for Animal Feed Manufacturing	3.3.1.1
The SQF Food Safety Code for Pet Food Manufacturing	4.3.1.1
The SQF Food Safety Code for Storage and Distribution	12.4.1.1
The SQF Food Safety Code for Manufacture of Food Packaging	13.3.1.1
The SQF Food Safety Code for Manufacture of Dietary Supplements	17.3.1.1
The SQF Food Safety Code for Animal Product Manufacturing	9.3.1.1
The SQF Food Safety Code for Food Manufacturing	11.3.1.1

**3. Amendment**

- 3.1 All sites implementing any of the above-mentioned codes (see 2.2) or upgrading to edition 9, shall implement a medical screening procedure for all personnel who handle exposed product or food contact surfaces.
- 3.2 The medical screening procedure shall also apply to visitors and contractors who visit areas of exposed product or food contact surfaces.
- 3.3 The other requirements in element 11.3.1.1(et al; see 2.2) shall also apply.
- 3.4 Auditors shall include the requirements of this amendment in their assessment of 11.3.1.1 (et al, see 2.2).