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System Elements – Key Changes

Edition 8.1		Edition 9	
2.1 Management Commitment	2.1.1 Food Safety Policy (Mandatory) 2.1.2 Management Responsibility (Mandatory) 2.1.3 Management Review (Mandatory) 2.1.4 Complaint Management (Mandatory) 2.1.5 Crisis Management Planning	2.1 Management Commitment	2.1.1 Management Responsibility (Mandatory) 2.1.2 Management Review (Mandatory) 2.1.3 Complaint Management (Mandatory)
Summary of changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined, consolidated, and removed duplication of requirements. • Clarified intent behind the requirement. • Added food safety culture (2.1.1.1 and 2.1.1.2). • Added requirement for substitute for SQF practitioner. • Added requirement site is staffed and organized to meet food safety objectives. 			
2.2 Document Control and Records	2.2.1 Food Safety Management System (Mandatory) 2.2.2 Document Control (Mandatory) 2.2.3 Records (Mandatory)	2.2 Document Control and Records	2.2.1 Food Safety Management System (Mandatory) 2.2.2 Document Control (Mandatory) 2.2.3 Records (Mandatory)
Summary of changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarified the required elements to be included in the food safety management system with examples including specifications, process controls impacting food safety, and food safety regulations. • Added requirement for retention periods to consider the shelf life of the product. 			



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2.3 Specification and Contract Services	2.3.1 Product for Storage and Distribution 2.3.2 Incoming Suppliers 2.3.3 Contract Service Providers 2.3.4 Contract Third Party Storage or Distributor	2.3 Specifications and Supplier Approval	2.3.1 Product for Storage and Distribution 2.3.2 Supplier Approval and Incoming Supplies 2.3.3 Contract Service Providers 2.3.4 Contract Third-Party Storage or Distributor
<p>Summary of Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wording in 2.3.2.3 changed from validation in edition 8, 2.3.2.4 to verification for ensuring incoming materials not intended for distribution are fit for their intended purposes. • Clarified requirements for specifications for incoming supplies and their handling. • Approved suppliers for incoming goods moved to 2.3.2.4 (formerly 2.4.4). • Clarified requirements for contract service providers that can impact product safety. 			
2.4 Food Safety System	2.4.1 Food Legislation (Mandatory) 2.4.2 Good Storage and Distribution Practices (Mandatory) 2.4.3 Food Safety Plan (Mandatory) 2.4.4 Approved Suppliers (Mandatory) 2.4.5 Non-conforming Product or Equipment 2.4.6 Product Recoup 2.4.7 Product Release (Mandatory) 2.4.8 Environmental Monitoring	2.4 Food Safety System	2.4.1 Food Legislation (Mandatory) 2.4.2 Good Storage and Distribution Practices (Mandatory) 2.4.3 Food Safety Plan (Mandatory) 2.4.4 Non-conforming Product and Equipment 2.4.5 Product Recoup 2.4.6 Product Release (Mandatory)



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Summary of Changes:

- 2.4.3.1 was changed to state that the food safety hazard and risk management plan shall be risk based on HACCP or preventive controls. It is not required to be based on only Codex HACCP guidelines.



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2.5 SQF System Verification	2.5.1 Validation and Effectiveness (Mandatory) 2.5.2 Verification Activities (Mandatory) 2.5.3 Corrective and Preventative Action (Mandatory) 2.5.4 Product Sampling, Inspection and Analysis 2.5.5 Internal Audits and Inspections (Mandatory)	2.5 SQF System Verification	2.5.1 Validation and Effectiveness (Mandatory) 2.5.2 Verification Activities (Mandatory) 2.5.3 Corrective and Preventative Action (Mandatory) 2.5.4 Internal Audits and Inspections (Mandatory)
Summary of Changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added detail to where deviations from food safety requirements may occur. Added detail about the use of objective evidence and actions to be taken for changes implemented from internal audits. 			
2.6 Product Identification, Trace, withdrawal, and Recall	2.6.1 Product Identification (Mandatory) 2.6.2 Product Trace (Mandatory) 2.6.3 Product Withdrawal and Recall (Mandatory)	2.6 Product Traceability and Crisis management	2.6.1 Product Identification (Mandatory) 2.6.2 Product Trace (Mandatory) 2.6.3 Product Withdrawal and Recall (Mandatory) 2.6.4 Crisis Management Planning
Summary of Changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added Crisis Management Planning to 2.6.4 (formerly 2.1.5). Added in 2.6.1.2 requirements for maintaining records for product receipt and product dispatch and destination. 			



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2.7 Food Defense and Food Fraud	2.7.1 Food Defense Plan (Mandatory) 2.7.2 Food Fraud	2.7 Food Defense and Food Fraud	2.7.1 Food Defense Plan (Mandatory) 2.7.2 Food Fraud (Mandatory)
<p>Summary of Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consolidated to include all food defense and food fraud. Clarified some of the requirements for each program. 			
2.8 Allergen Management	2.8.1 Allergen Management (Mandatory)	2.8 Allergen Management	2.8.1 Allergen Management (Mandatory)
<p>Summary of Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added additional requirements for managing recoup products containing allergens. Added a requirement that sites that normally do not handle allergenic materials shall have a program that addresses mitigation actions for accidentally introduced allergens. 			
2.9 Training	2.9.1 Training Requirements 2.9.2 Training Program (Mandatory) 2.9.3 Instructions 2.9.4 HACCP Training Requirements 2.9.6 Refresher Training 2.9.7 Training Skills Register	2.9 Training	2.9.1 Training Requirements 2.9.2 Training Program (Mandatory)
<p>Summary of Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training consolidated down to two sections - 2.9.1 Training Requirements and 2.9.2 Training Program. Added clarification about the training program elements needed to assure competent personnel. 			



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Module 12 – Key Changes

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12.1 Site Location and Construction	12.1.1 Premises Location and Approval	12.1 Site Location and Premises	12.1.1 Premises Location and Approval 12.1.2 Building Materials 12.1.3 Lighting and Light Fittings 12.1.4 Dust, Insect, and Pest Proofing 12.1.5 Ventilation 12.1.6 Equipment and Utensils 12.1.7 Grounds and Roadways
Summary of Changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12.1 Site Location and Premises now covers 12.1.2 Building Materials; 12.1.3 Lighting and Light Fittings; 12.1.4 Dust, Insect, and Pest Proofing; 12.1.5 Ventilation; 12.1.6 Equipment and Utensils; and 12.1.7 Grounds and Roadways. Grounds and Roadways was formerly in Section 12.9, Exterior, under 12.9.1. That clause has been removed. 			
12.2 Construction of Premises Equipment	12.2.1 Materials and Surfaces 12.2.2 Floors, Drains and Waste Traps 12.2.3 Walls, Partitions, Doors and Ceilings 12.2.4 Lightings and Light Fittings 12.2.5 Dust, Insect and Pest Proofing 12.2.6 Ventilation 12.2.7 Equipment, Utensils and Protective Clothing 12.2.8 Premises and Equipment Maintenance 12.2.9 Calibration	12.2 Site Operation	12.2.1 Repairs and Maintenance 12.2.2 Maintenance Staff and Contractors 12.2.3 Calibration 12.2.4 Pest Prevention 12.2.5 Cleaning and Sanitation

	12.2.10 Pest Prevention 12.2.11 Cleaning and Sanitation		
<p>Summary of Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12.2 Site Operations. Includes 12.2.1 Repairs and Maintenance; 12.2.2 Maintenance Staff and Contractors; 12.2.3 Calibration; 12.2.4 Pest Prevention; and 12.2.5 Cleaning and Sanitation. • 12.2.2 Maintenance Staff and Contractors has been separated out from what was 12.2.8 Premises and Equipment Maintenance. • Pest prevention restructured and clarified. • 12.2.5.8 – Added the inspection of staff amenities. 			



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12.3 Personnel Hygiene and Welfare	12.3.1 Personnel 12.3.2 Hand Washing 12.3.3 Clothing 12.3.4 Jewelry and Personal Effects 12.3.5 Visitors 12.3.6 Staff Amenities 12.3.7 Change Rooms 12.3.8 Sanitary Facilities 12.3.9 Lunch Rooms	12.3 Personnel Hygiene and Welfare	12.3.1 Personnel Welfare 12.3.2 Handwashing 12.3.3 Clothing and Personal Effects 12.3.4 Visitors 12.3.5 Staff Amenities (change rooms, toilets, break rooms)
Summary of Changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12.3.3 Clothing and Personal Effects. (was “Clothing”) Includes laundering, protective clothing, and jewelry. 12.3.5 Staff Amenities includes change rooms, toilets, and break rooms. 			
12.4 Personnel Practices	12.4.1 Staff Engaged in Food Handling and pack/Recoup Operations	12.4 Personnel Processing Practices	12.4.1 Staff Engaged Food Storage and Repack/ coup Operations
Summary of Changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added requirements on when and how drinking water is to be allowed in the facility. (12.4.1.1) 			



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12.5 Water, Ice and Air-Supply	12.5.1 Water Supply 12.5.2 Monitoring Water Microbiology and Quality 12.5.3 Water Delivery 12.5.4 Ice Supply 12.5.5 Analysis 12.5.6 The Quality of Air and Other Gases	12.5 Water, Ice, and Air Supply	12.5.1 Water Supply 12.5.2 Water and Ice Quality 12.5.3 Air and Other Gases
<p>Summary of Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12.5.1.2: Added to water supply plan a requirement for contingency plans to be in place for instances when the potable water supply is deemed to be contaminated. Expanded requirements to address potability, including testing of the backflow system. 			
12.6 Storage and Transport	12.6.1 Storage and Handling of Goods 12.6.2 Cold Storage, Freezing and Chilling of Goods 12.6.3 Storage of Shelf Stable Packaged Goods 12.6.4 Storage of Equipment and Containers 12.6.5 Storage of Hazardous Chemicals and toxic Substances 12.6.6 Alternative Storage and Handling of Goods 12.6.7 Loading, Transport and Receiving Practices	12.6 Receipt, Storage and Transport	12.6.1 Receipt, Storage and Handling of Goods 12.6.2 Cold Storage, Freezing, and Chilling of Goods 12.6.3 Storage of Dry Goods 12.6.4 Storage of Hazardous Chemicals and toxic Substances Used on Site 12.6.5 Loading, Transport, and Staging Practices

	12.6.8 Staging and Loading 12.6.9 Transport		
<p>Summary of Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12.6.1.2: New clause to meet GFSI GMP 4.1 to ensure all materials are received and stored properly to prevent cross-contamination risks. • 12.6.4: Storage of chemicals also applies to chemical storage references in 1.2.4 Pest Prevention. • 12.6.5.4: New requirement for loading and unloading docks shall be designed to protect the product during loading and unloading. • Receiving requirements formerly in 12.7.2 have been moved to 12.6.5. 			



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12.7 Separation of Functions	12.7.1 Process Flow 12.7.2 Receiving 12.7.3 Control of Foreign Matter 12.7.4 Managing Foreign Matter Contamination Incidents	12.7 Separation of Functions	12.7.1 Process Flow 12.7.2 Control of Foreign Matter Contamination 12.7.3 Managing Foreign Matter Contamination Incidents
<p>Summary of Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receiving requirements moved to 12.6. Added a new clause about maintaining and inspecting pallets to assure they are in good condition. 			
12.8 Waste Disposal	12.8.1 Dry and Liquid Waste Disposal	12.8 Waste Disposal	12.8.1 No Heading
<p>Summary of Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Added 12.8.1.4 on requirements for the controlled disposal of trademarked materials. Added requirement 12.8.1.6 to review the effectiveness of the waste management procedures as part of the site's hygiene inspections. 12.8.1.7: New clause to meet GFSI GMP 12.1 regarding the effective removal and storage (if required) of wastewater. 			
12.9 Exterior	12.9.1 Grounds and Roadways		
<p>Summary of Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Former 12.9.1 has been incorporated into 12.1.7, Grounds and Roadways, in Section 12.1, Site Location and Premises. 			