

CODE AMENDMENT – APPROVED SUPPLIERSEffective Date: August 1 2021
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Approved by: LeAnn Chuboff**1. References**

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

FSM 13.2.1: A procedure for the evaluation, approval and continued monitoring of suppliers which have an effect on food safety shall be established, implemented and maintained. The procedure shall address procurement in emergency situations to ensure that food still conforms to the documented specified requirements or specifications, and the supplier has been evaluated. The results of evaluations, investigations and follow up actions shall be recorded.

- 1.2 The Approved Supplier sections in all Food Safety Codes, edition 9, are mandatory. They are

The SQF Food Safety Code for Primary Plant Production	2.3.3
The SQF Food Safety Code for Primary Animal Production	2.3.3
The SQF Food Safety Code for Aquaculture	2.3.3
The SQF Food Safety Code for Food Manufacturing	2.3.4
The SQF Food Safety Code for Animal Product Manufacturing	2.3.4
The SQF Food Safety Code for Manufacture of Dietary Supplements	2.3.4
The SQF Food Safety Code for Animal Feed Manufacturing	2.3.4
The SQF Food Safety Code for Petfood Manufacturing	2.3.4
The SQF Food Safety Code for Manufacture of Food Packaging	2.3.4
The SQF Food Safety Code for Storage and Distribution	N/A

2. Amendment

- 2.1 The requirements of 2.3.3 in the primary food safety codes and 2.3.4 in all other codes except Storage & Distribution, are mandatory and shall be documented, implemented in full and audited at each certification, recertification, and surveillance audit.
- 2.2 Suppliers that have been used in past emergency situations, or may be used in future emergency situations, shall be assessed and included in the approved supplier program. Emergency suppliers that are used in urgent situations and are subject to receiving inspection and analysis (2.3.3 in primary codes, 2.3.4 in other codes), shall be assessed for further use and included in the approved supplier program if appropriate.
- 2.3 Registers (or lists) of approved suppliers shall be complete and include supplier contact details (name, street address, primary contact, email, and phone number). All approved and emergency suppliers shall be registered.