

EDITION 9 CODE AMENDMENT – MULTI-SITE CERTIFICATION

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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

AII 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-

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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