

FOOD SAFETY INSIGHT



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BRCGS Fee Update – August 1

An update to the BRCGS fee structure has officially implemented as of August 1, 2024. These rates apply to all audit types, including extensions, announced, unannounced, blended, and remote. The new service fees will be applied for audits conducted from August 1, 2024, not uploaded to the Directory from this date.

For your convenience, you will find the updated [service fee list attached here](#). ♦

GLOBALG.A.P. Fee Update – August 1

An update to the GLOBALG.A.P. fee structure has officially been implemented as of August 1, 2024. For your convenience, you will find the updated [GLOBALG.A.P. System Participation Fees \(v8\)](#) and [GLOBALG.A.P. North America System Participation Fees \(v8\)](#) in the GLOBALG.A.P. document center. The edition update register at the end of each fee table outlines the changes made to each. ♦

Food Fraud – Annual Update

An update Catch up on "Fraud Annual Update – Preview and List of Concerns" with John W. Spink, Ph.D. Watch now to ensure your company stays ahead in food fraud prevention!

[Watch the webinar Here on YouTube](#). ♦

Fraud Annual Update – Preview and List of Concerns with John W. Spink, Ph D.

John W. Spink, Ph.D., Assistant Professor (Fixed-Term), Michigan State University

Our Speaker

Tradeshows

The 16th Annual AAFP Conference
September 24-26, 2024 | Fayetteville, AR



PJRFSI is thrilled to announce that we will be attending The 16th Annual AAFP Conference in Fayetteville, Arkansas! Our very own Chris Reno will be there to discuss Food Safety Certification. We can't wait to connect with industry professionals and share our insights on ensuring food safety. See you there!

[Go get your tickets Here!](#)

please SAVE THE DATE for
the **ARKANSAS ASSOCIATION for FOOD PROTECTION**

16th ANNUAL MEETING
SEPT. 24-26 in FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

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Food Safety Certification For Specialty Crops (FSCSC) Program

We're excited to share that the USDA's Farm Service Agency is helping through the Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops (FSCSC) Program! This program provides financial support to specialty crop operations that incurred eligible on-farm food safety program expenses in 2024 and 2025.

Eligible expenses include costs associated with food safety audits, certifications, and other activities that ensure your operations meet food safety standards. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your farm's food safety measures and gain financial relief!

To learn more visit: <https://www.farmers.gov/coronavirus/pandemic-assistance/food-safety>. ♦



FSSC For Storage And Distribution

FSSC 22000 can be applied to organizations that provide transport and storage services to the food, feed, and food/feed packaging industry. Certification is also apt for all food products, ingredients, and food packaging, and it covers transport and storage from any point within the supply chain. This includes by rail, air, water, and on land, such as:

- feed to farm
- farm to processor
- primary processor to manufacturer
- manufacturer to off-site warehouses
- warehouse to retail store or restaurant
- store or restaurant to end consumer

PJR & PJRFSI offer free, no commitment quotes! Simply call (248) 358-3388 or complete our **Request A FREE Quote** form and a dedicated project manager will be in touch. ♦



SQF Database Update

SQFI is now using their new certification database to register clients, upload audits, close out nonconformities, and issue certificates. SQF clients are required to register their company in the new SQF database going forward.

To access the database you can go to the website here: <https://sqfi.compliancemetrix.com>. If you have not received a username and password directly from SQF, you can create an account by clicking the “*New around here? Create account*” link on the website.

If you need further directions on how to use the database you can access the help center here: <https://www.sqfi.com/get-certified/help-center/topics/getting-started>. ♦

Gluten-Free Transition Information

BRCGS has released the **GF401: Technical Briefing Document** to give a basic outline of the changes between Gluten-Free Certification Program Issue 3 and the BRCGS Global Standard Gluten-Free Issue 4 to support transitional preparation by certification bodies.

All audits to Issue 4 will commence as of August 5, 2024. Download the new **GFCP Self Assessment Checklist** to make sure you are prepared.

For more information, please head over to the BRCGS website here: <https://www.brcgs.com/our-standards/gluten-free-certification/help-and-guidance>. ♦



Upcoming PJRFSI Webinar Schedule



Keep an eye out for new webinar topics & guest speakers coming soon!

Webinar Testimonial

“The free webinars from PJR have been very helpful in so many ways. The Food Fraud Prevention webinar [last year] was the starting point of a Food Safety Culture presentation we still refer to whenever the topic of Food Fraud comes up. The webinar raised my awareness of conditions and management attitudes that foster an environment where food fraud takes root. That awareness led my research straight to the Peanut Corporation of America and the Salmonella outbreak of 2007-2009 they were responsible for. I felt like a detective on a criminal case as I went through old news coverage online! Thanks for that great webinar that kick started our whole journey into what happened at PCA and helped me present the elements of Food Fraud in a way that engaged everyone here.”

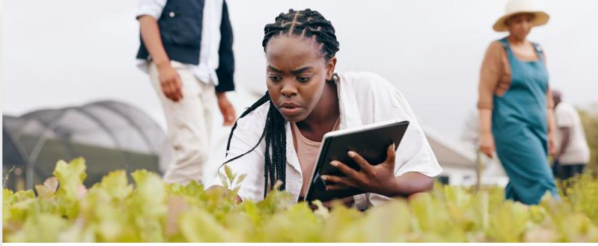
Emily Ann May | IFC PRODUCTS, INC.

PJRFSI Once Again Received A 5 Star Rating For BRCGS!



Our compliance performance rating will be published on www.brcgsdirectory.com on the 20th of August. Special thanks to Paul McPhee for his excellent technical management.

Check Out Our Latest Blog Articles!



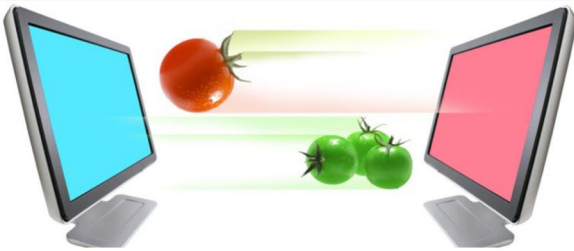
BRCGS Update: Important Changes to Unannounced Audits

August 2, 2024 | by PJRFSI | [Leave a Comment \(Edit\)](#)



Uncovering Gaps in Produce Traceability

July 26, 2024 | by PJRFSI | [Leave a Comment \(Edit\)](#)



What is Risk Communication in Food Safety?

July 17, 2024 | by PJRFSI | [Leave a Comment \(Edit\)](#)

The SQF Sustainability IPM Addendum Is Now Approved By Walmart

SQF certified customers that are Walmart produce suppliers should have this easy to apply addendum completed as part of your certification audit.

To see Walmart's policy statement, click on the link: <https://corporate.walmart.com/policies>.

From the policy page, scroll to the end – Walmart U.S. Pollinator Health Position statement and expectations.



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