SAFETYCHAIN

Top 9 Changes for SQF Code Edition 9

SQF Edition 9 is here! Here are 9 significant changes to implement in your facility.

1 FOOD SAFETY CULTURE

Food safety culture will now be auditable to align with GFSI program updates, and has its own requirement.
Section: 2.1.1.2

2 OVERSIGHT OF CONTRACT MANUFACTURERS

New verbiage for high and low risk clarifies differences for plants with an elevated risk.
Section: 2.3.3.2

3 PRODUCT CHANGEOVER & LABEL RECONCILIATION

The new requirement aims to reduce recalls for the mislabeling of allergens.
Section: 2.6.1.2

4 INTERNAL TESTING & SAMPLING

Facilities that perform internal testing such as in-house labs must indicate which tests pertain to food safety.
Section: 2.4.4.2

5 TESTING & SAMPLING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Training requirements have been expanded for allergen, environmental, and other testing.
Section: 2.9.2.1

6 ADEQUATE VENTILATION

A separate requirement has been added to indicate which environments have ventilation requirements.
Section: 11.1.6.1

7 AMBIENT AIR TESTING FOR HIGH-RISK PROCESSES

Only high-risk processes will require testing, but an assessment must be completed to evaluate risk.
Section: 11.7.1.2

8 ACCOMMODATE PC IN STORAGE & DISTRIBUTION & FEED STANDARDS

This reflects GFSI's modified language to include CCPs or PCs for storage, distribution, and feed.
Section: 2.4.3

9 WATER TESTING IN PRIMARY PRODUCE STANDARD

Additional requirements in the code now look at testing, sourcing, and treatment of water.
Section: 7.6.2.1