

# Cannabis & Hemp Programs





Accredited Certification



PJRFSI is the *only* accredited Certification Body for Cannabis & Hemp Certification.

# Importance of Accreditation

- Accredited audits offer the confidence of knowing that your certification is backed by the oversight and experience of a national accreditation body.
- PJRFSI's accreditation from ANAB for cannabis safety certification is the first of its kind in the United States.





## Perry Johnson Registrars Food Safety, Inc.

### ANAB Votes to Grant PJRFSA Accreditation for Cannabis Certification

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Perry Johnson Registrars Food Safety, Inc. (PJRFSA) has officially become the first certification body to be granted Accreditation for cannabis certification in the United States by ANAB. The independent cannabis certification standard developed by PJRFSA is a GMP- and GAP-based scheme intended to help cannabis growers, manufacturers, and retailers meet the range of state-by-state requirements.

This standard aims to provide needed outlines for cannabis cultivation, product manufacture, and retail practices nationwide. As each state determines the status of cannabis legality within their jurisdiction, certification requirements can be haphazard. With the release and accreditation of their standard, PJRFSA hopes to simplify and unite the United States cannabis industry for the benefit of everyone from grower to producer to end user.

PJRFSA President Terry Boboige and Accreditation Manager Lauren Maloney have expressed great excitement for what accreditation means for not only PJRFSA, but for the cannabis industry at large:

“The team at Perry Johnson Registrars Food Safety Inc. is incredibly excited to be the first company in the United States to achieve formal accreditation for our Cannabis and Hemp Certification Program. We believe this nationally-recognized program will help the budding cannabis and hemp industries to strengthen, legitimize, and separate themselves from companies that do not have formal certification. Certification to this standard will forever help enhance companies’ image, credibility, and reliability. Accredited certification exemplifies to the public that certified organizations who supply cannabis and hemp products and services have internal safety systems that can inspire confidence.”

# Why Food Safety?

- Food Safety applies to Hemp & cannabis used for dietary supplements and consumables/edibles.
- Hemp/Cannabis industry is like the “Wild West”
- Growers may know agricultural risks but not food and supplement-related factors, vice versa with food production organizations



# Programs

## **Growers**

Intended to assist agricultural and grow operations from small farms to large industrial levels; includes mitigation of risks such as contamination during growth and harvest.

## **Manufacturers**

For processors and those producing products containing cannabis or hemp derivatives; ensuring safe handling of product throughout the process.

## **Retailers**

Meant for those selling and/or distributing cannabis products to the public; this standard helps outline safe packaging, storage, etc.

# Programs

	PJRFSI Standard	GFSI
Growers	PJRFSI's Cannabis Safety Certification Standard GAP (Good Agricultural Practices)	GLOBALG.A.P (Hemp only)  PrimusGFS
Manufacturers	PJRFSI's Cannabis Safety Certification Standard GMP (Good Manufacturing Practices)	SQF (Canada Only)  BRC (edible product only)
Retailers	PJRFSI's Cannabis Safety Certification Standard Retail	n/a



# Virtual Audits

- PJRFSI now offers Virtual Audits where permissible!
- Reduce cost
- Increased flexibility





# Preassessments –

What are they, and why should you have one?

- Preassessments can be thought of as a “dress rehearsal” for your certification audit.
- Get experience working with a PJR auditor.
- Learn what strengths and weaknesses your systems may have in advance.



# Regulatory Responsibility

- Includes Federal, State and local agencies
- Setting food safety standards
- Conducting inspections
- Enforcement programs



**TEXAS**  
Health and Human Services



**COLORADO**  
Department of Revenue  
Enforcement Division





## Cannabis & Hemp Regulation

- Hemp is federally legal but regulated by state- in process is an FDA regulation but not yet issued. The interim final rule governs the production of hemp under the 2018 Farm Bill
- Cannabis is not federally regulated by FDA or USDA
- Food safety standards are developed state by state
- Enforced through state divisions

# The Roadmap to Certification



# Why PJRFSI?

## **Accredited Certification**

PJRFSI is the first and only certification body accredited by ANAB to certify cannabis programs.

## **Customer Focus**

We strive to go beyond customer service for a fully customer focused program, including a single point of contact for all scheduling.

## **Custom Options**

Customize your audits for your program, state regulations, or other requirements.



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