

FOOD SAFETY INSIGHT



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New Gluten-Free Transition

BRCGS recently announced the new Issue 4 of the BRCGS Global Standard Gluten-Free, published on 05 February 2024. It is available for download from the BRCGS Store or Participate.

New for Version 4: BRCGS has forged a strategic partnership with the Association of European Coeliac Societies (AOECS). Together, they have benchmarked against the AOECS Standard and innovatively developed an additional Section 8 to the BRCGS Gluten-Free Standard. This collaborative effort empowers certified sites and brands that source from them to display the AOECS's Crossed Grain symbol on their packaging. This symbol is the most recognized gluten-free emblem across Europe and its neighboring economies, signifying adherence to stringent gluten-free standards.

Other key changes in Issue 4 include the addition of non-conformity grading, a new section on labeling and pack control, and an extension of scope to include outsourced processing. Changes can also be expected which are designed to simplify the process and provide clarity.

Timeline: Certification audits against Issue 4 will commence from August 2024.

- Gluten-Free Self-Assessment Tool from BRCGS
- Gluten-Free Key Changes from BRCGS ◆

Congratulations To Lauren Maloney Manager Of The Year!



In Memoriam: Ray Wegner

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of our dear friend and esteemed colleague, Ray Wegner. Ray dedicated an incredible 26 years of his life to Perry Johnson Companies, leaving an indelible mark on our organization and the lives of those fortunate enough to know him.



Our thoughts and prayers are with Ray's family during this difficult time, and we extend our heartfelt condolences to them. To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Raymond Joseph Wegner, please [Click Here](#). ◆

5-Star Rating - BRCGS

We are delighted to share the exciting news of achieving yet another 5-star rating from BRCGS! Congratulations to the entire PJRFSI Team for their outstanding efforts. ◆

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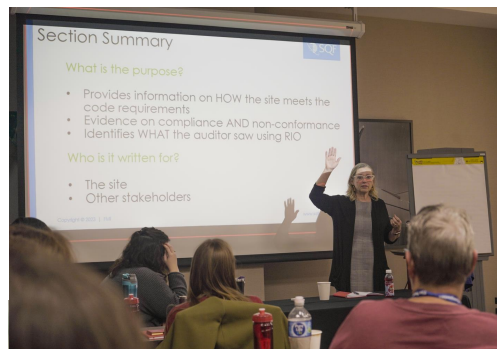
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Annual Auditor Training

Back in December 2023, Perry Johnson Registrars Food Safety, Inc. (PJRFISI) resumed its annual in-person training sessions for sales representatives and auditors. The event featured an exciting lineup of speakers including Lauren Maloney, Brett McMillan, Paul McPhee, Tammie Van Buren, and more.

Key highlights of the training included an Administrative Review from Heather Kyle, SQFI Scheme Owner Presentation from guest speaker Tammie Van Buren, and a Cannabis and Hemp Program Update from Brett McMillan. The return to face-to-face interaction fostered dynamic discussions and networking opportunities, allowing participants to gain valuable insights and collaborate effectively.

PJRFISI reaffirms its commitment to providing top-notch training and fostering professional growth within its sales and auditing teams. The success of this event set the stage for an exciting and productive year ahead! ♦



Career Opportunities

PJRFISI is an International company headquartered in Troy, Michigan and provides 3rd party certification to food manufacturers, food packaging manufacturers, and farms throughout the United States and internationally.

We are currently looking for hardworking and articulate individuals for subcontract auditing.

Send resume and qualifications to
pjrfisi@pjrfisi.com for immediate
consideration! ♦



Detroit Lions Pride Day



LET'S GO
LIONS!



GLOBALG.A.P. Transition

GLOBALG.A.P. IFA v6 was released in two parallel editions: IFA v6 SMART and IFA v6 GFS. While the SMART edition is already obligatory as of January 1, 2024, IFA v6 GFS is still waiting on GFSI recognition. Once approved, estimated to happen in the last half of 2024, certification bodies and clients will have three months and then the audits will be mandatory. All clients should be ready for Q3/Q4 2024 implementation.

Key Steps to Consider:

- Familiarize yourself with the updated standard.
- Provide training for relevant personnel within your organization.
- Execute necessary updates to your management system and implement the specified actions.

Visit the GLOBALG.A.P. website for transition tips & tools [HERE](#). ♦



FSSC 22000 Update

This latest version will be mandatory for all audits scheduled after April 1, 2024.

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Championing Sustainable Solutions in the Poultry Industry

February 28, 2024 | by PJRFISI | [Leave a Comment \(Edit\)](#)

In an era where food sustainability is paramount, the National Chicken Council's (NCC) recent dialogue with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sheds light on the innovative strides poultry producers are [...]



Honoring Black Pioneers in Food and Food Safety

February 21, 2024 | by PJRFISI | [Leave a Comment \(Edit\)](#)

From the roots of Creole cuisine to the technological advancements in refrigerated trucking, the food industry owes much of its progress to the creativity, ingenuity, and hard work of numerous [...]



For the Love of Food Safety: The CDC and their Role in Food Safety

Upcoming FREE Webinars From PJRFISI

PJRFISI is hosting a series of free, educational webinars in the coming weeks and months. Check out what's coming up below! Go to our website www.pjrfsi.com now to register.

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Validation vs. Verification with Wayne Williams

In this presentation we will discuss when and how to verify and validate Food Safety and HACCP plans.

In the event you cannot attend a webinar at its scheduled time, we have the recordings available to download from our website at www.pjrfsi.com/webinars/past-webinars.

Keep an eye out for these guest speakers in 2024:

- Rebecca Anderson, Technical Manager GLOBALG.A.P. North America
- Jacqueline Southee, FSSC North American Representative
- Jennifer Crandall, Founder/CEO Safe Food En Route, LLC
- Wayne Williams, Food Safety Auditor for PJRFISI



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to be an episode to interest everyone! Best of all, each episode of the podcast is free to listen to through PodBean! Click the link to see the full list of episodes and start listening today! <https://www.pjrfsi.com/podcast> ◆