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FOOD SAFETY STANDARD TIMELINES



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INTRODUCTION - ABOUT PJRFSI

Perry Johnson Registrars Food Safety, Inc. (PJRFSI) is a leading certification body dedicated to helping organizations in the food industry achieve and maintain compliance with globally recognized food safety standards. Accredited to certify against a wide range of schemes—including SQF, BRCGS, FSSC 22000, GLOBALG.A.P., cGMP, HACCP, and more—PJRFSI works with food processors, manufacturers, packagers, distributors, and growers around the world to promote food safety, quality, and consumer trust.

With a commitment to integrity, transparency, and customer service, PJRFSI offers expert auditing, training, and certification services tailored to the needs of each client. Our experienced auditors and support staff work closely with organizations of all sizes, helping them navigate complex regulatory environments and continuously improve their food safety systems.

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I'VE HAD MY AUDIT - WHAT IS NEXT?

After your food safety audit is complete, understanding the next steps is crucial to maintaining compliance and achieving certification in a timely manner. That's where our *Food Safety Standard Timelines* reference document comes in. This guide breaks down the post-audit process for many food safety standards we offer—including SQF, BRCGS, FSSC 22000, and more—so you will know exactly what to expect.

From nonconformity response timelines to certificate issuance, we have outlined the key milestones and timeframes to help you stay on track and fully informed as you move through the final stages of certification.

AUDIT REPORTS

Depending on Standard, after the audit is completed, the auditor submits a detailed report for internal review. Once approved, the final report is released to the client.

NONCONFORMITIES (NC)

If any nonconformities are identified during the audit, the client is required to address and close them out with the auditor by providing appropriate evidence of correction.

CERTIFICATE DECISION

Once all audit requirements are met—including closure of any nonconformities—a certification decision is made based on a thorough review of the complete audit package.

PACKAGE REVIEW

After the certification decision, the audit package undergoes a final review. Upon successful completion, the client receives a draft certificate for review and approval.

OPEN BALANCES

The final certificate and report are issued once the review process is complete and all outstanding balances have been paid.

SQF

AUDIT REPORT

- The auditor is to submit the report **within 5 days** of the last day of the audit.
- The report is released to the client **within 10 days** of the last day of the audit.

NONCONFORMANCES (NC)

- Any NC's should be closed with the auditor **within 30 days** of the last day of the audit.

CERTIFICATE DECISION

- The certificate decision is made **within 45 days** of the last day of the audit.

PACKAGE REVIEW

- Once the package is reviewed and closed out successfully, the client will receive a draft certificate to sign off on.

OPEN BALANCES

- Once all balances have been paid the final certificate and report are emailed.



BRCGS

NONCONFORMANCES (NC)

- Any NC's will be closed with the auditor **within 28 days** of the last day of the audit.

CERTIFICATE DECISION

- The certificate decision is to be made **within 42 days** of the last day of the audit.

AUDIT REPORT

- The report is uploaded to the BRCGS Database **within 49 days** of the last day of the audit.

PACKAGE REVIEW

- Once the package is reviewed and closed out successfully, the client will receive a draft certificate to sign off on.

OPEN BALANCES

- Once all balances have been paid, the final certificate and report are emailed.



GLOBALG.A.P.

NONCONFORMANCES (NC)

- Any NC's will be closed with the auditor **within 28 days** of the last day of the audit (3 months for initial audit).
 - If there were NC's, the certificate decision is made **within 52 days** from the last date of the audit.
 - If there were not any NC's (100 Major/95 Minor) then the certificate decision is made **within 28 days** from the last day of the audit.

PACKAGE REVIEW

- Once the package is reviewed and closed out successfully, the client will receive a draft certificate to sign off on.

OPEN BALANCES

- Once all balances have been paid, the final certificate and report are emailed.



CANNABIS & HEMP GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICE (GMP)

NONCONFORMANCES (NC)

- Any NC's will be closed with the auditor **within 30 days** of the last day of the audit.

CERTIFICATE DECISION

- The certificate decision is made **within 45 days** from the last day of the audit.

PACKAGE REVIEW

- Once the package is reviewed and closed out successfully, the client will receive a draft certificate to sign off on.

OPEN BALANCES

- Once all balances have been paid the final certificate and report are emailed.



CANNABIS & HEMP GACP

NONCONFORMANCES (NC)

- Any NC's will be closed with the auditor **within 30 days** of the last day of the audit.

CERTIFICATE DECISION

- The certificate decision is made **within 45 days** from the last day of the audit.

PACKAGE REVIEW

- Once the package is reviewed and closed out successfully, the client will receive a draft certificate to sign off on.

OPEN BALANCES

- Once all balances have been paid the final certificate and report are emailed.



FSSC 22000

NONCONFORMANCES (NC)

- Any NC's will be closed with the auditor **within 30 days** of the last day of the audit.

CERTIFICATE DECISION

- The certificate decision is made **within 45 days** from the last day of the audit.

FSSC DATABASE

- Information is then uploaded to the FSSC database **within 28 days from the certificate decision or 2 months from the last day of the audit**, whatever is sooner.



ISO 22000

NONCONFORMANCES (NC)

- Any NC's will be closed with the auditor **within 30 days** of the last day of the audit.

CERTIFICATE DECISION

- The certificate decision is made **within 45 days** from the last day of the audit.

OPEN BALANCES

- Once all balances have been paid, the final certificate and report are emailed.



COMPLIANCE STANDARDS

HACCP/ GMP/ CFR 111/ CFR210/211 (DRUG)/ ETC.

NONCONFORMANCES (NC)

- Any NC's will be closed with the auditor **within 30 days** of the last day of the audit.

CERTIFICATE DECISION

- The certificate decision is made **within 45 days** from the last day of the audit.

PACKAGE REVIEW

- Once the package is reviewed and closed out successfully, the client will receive a draft certificate to sign off on.

OPEN BALANCES

- Once all balances have been paid the final certificate and report are emailed.



PRIMUSGFS

AUDIT REPORT

- The report is released to the client **within 15 days** of the last day of the audit.

NONCONFORMANCES (NC)

- Any NC's will be closed with the auditor **within 30 days** of the last day of the audit.

CERTIFICATE DECISION

- The certificate decision is made **within 45 days** from the last day of the audit.

PACKAGE REVIEW

- Once the package is reviewed and closed out successfully, the client will receive a draft certificate to sign off on.

OPEN BALANCES

- Once all balances have been paid the final certificate and report are emailed.

