

FOOD SAFETY INSIGHT



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What's New With IFA Version 5.2?

The newest version of the IFA standard for Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) recognition brings several changes in CPOC. Many aspects are simple clarifications of previous requirements, but more notable updates include a new control point and compliance criterion in the All Farm Base module and a number of new requirements and corrections in the General Regulations modules. For further information on what has changed in Version 5.2, visit GlobalGAP.org to download their Summary of Changes. To learn how to certify your operation to the newest version, contact the PJRFSA team at (248) 519-2523 or pjrfsi@pjrfsi.com. ♦

PJRFSA Is Now Accredited For Combinable Crops!

We at PJRFSA are pleased to announce a new accreditation – Combinable Crops (CC) for GlobalG.A.P.! This standard covers propagation material, machinery and equipment, crop protection, harvesting, and harvested crop handling. To learn more about how this new offering can work for your operation, reach out to PJRFSA by calling (248) 519-2523. ♦



FSMA 2020 – Get Ready!

Application period dates for the FDA's VQIP (Voluntary Qualified Importers Program) have been extended; importers submitting their notice of intent to participate and their completed application for the 2020 benefits period will have until July 31, 2019 to access the application portal. Once the portal has closed and the FDA has reviewed applications, benefits will begin on October 1, 2019.



Following this current application period, the portal will reopen for future importer applications from January 1, 2020 until May 31, 2020. For further information on the process of applying to participate in VQIP or to learn more about FSMA and FSVP in general, visit www.pjrfsi.com. ♦

BRC Logo Change

Attention all PJRFSA BRC Clients: BRC's logo has been changed as of April 2019. Please ensure that your websites, marketing, etc. reflect the correct version of the logo so as to avoid nonconformance. If you have questions about logo usage, please reach out to your PJRFSA Project Manager. ♦

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TuttoFood 2019 – Thank You!

Thank you to all who joined our Italian team at the TuttoFood2019 Conference! We were happy to meet all who visited our booth as well as see everyone who attended our FSMA presentation. ♦



PJRFSI Career Opportunities

- Seeking BRC Auditors in the UK and Pacific Northwest
- Seeking SQF Auditors in the Pacific Northwest

BRC Auditors:

Seeking hardworking and articulate individuals for BRC subcontract auditing. Minimum of 5 years work experience demonstrating quality assurance and/or food safety functions with relation to food industry manufacturing, retailing, inspection, or enforcement. All candidates must possess a degree in a food or bioscience-related discipline in relation to the Food Sector Category they are qualified in. Qualified candidates must also be a BRC Certified Lead Auditor.

SQF Auditors:

Seeking hard working and articulate individuals for subcontract SQF auditing. Minimum of 5 years work experience demonstrating operational experience in the food related industry, two of which must be in a technical, professional or supervisory position. All candidates must possess a university degree or higher education considered as equivalent in relation to the Food Sector Category they are qualified. Qualified candidates must also be a SQF Certified Lead Auditor as well as knowledgeable in Reliance Database.

For immediate consideration please call us today or email resume to: lmaloney@pjrfsi.com. ♦



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Client Spotlight: MedPharm

Among the myriad businesses springing up in the wake of cannabis legislation, there aren't many that can claim as broad a scope in the industry as MedPharm Holdings. Out of their Denver, Colorado headquarters, MedPharm heads up three unique brands sold to over 250 dispensaries across Colorado. These brands' offerings include creams, tinctures, vape pens and cartridges, and tablets. This facility also boasts the first – and only – cannabis research license in the state. In addition to their consumer goods, MedPharm also offers consulting services for cannabis operations of all sizes and types across the United States. They offer assistance in areas from formulation development and process optimization to facility design and application support on an a-la-carte basis.

With the sole GMP certificate among Colorado cannabis facilities, MedPharm certainly stands out from the rest. “The SOP certification process helped to identify and address processes [MedPharm] needed to implement and document,” stated CEO Albert Gutierrez. Their status as the only certified facility in the state has allowed MedPharm to set the bar in the industry – solidifying their goal to be known as the “gold standard” of cannabis operations.

Due to the unique nature of MedPharm's business model and their desire for the cutting-edge, PJRFSI developed a custom GMP program to encompass local regulations in coordination with the GMP standards for production. “Everyone at PJRFSI has helped us achieve this milestone,” said Gutierrez. “We look forward to continuing working with PJRFSI in the future.” MedPharm is certainly poised to handle the future of cannabis legalization well, with a philosophy to explore and experiment to better serve consumers and a strong belief in GMP processes and procedures as a major key to success.

To learn more about PJRFSI's cannabis certification services and how they can be custom-tailored to your growing or production processes, call PJRFSI at (248) 519-2523 or visit www.pjrfsi.com to receive a free quote. ♦



Tradeshows & Events

United Fresh

June 10-12, 2019
Chicago, IL

CANNACON

June 21-22, 2019
Detroit, MI

MJBizCon Int'l

September 4-6, 2019
Toronto

Food Safety Consortium

October 1-3, 2019
Schaumburg, IL

FSSC Harmonization Day

October 30-31, 2019
Amsterdam

SQF Conference

November 5-7, 2019
San Antonio, TX



June 21-22, 2019 | Detroit, MI



The Cannabis Industry and Food Safety Audits

Presented by Terry Boboige,
President, PJRFSI

June 21, 2019 | 1:30 pm - 2:20 pm
Business/Legal in Room 2

In this seminar Terry will go over third party certification body, providing food safety audits and certification, the importance of food safety in the cannabis industry, cannabis food safety regulation, cannabis edible recalls, food safety concerns, and cannabis audits. See more info at:

<https://cannacon.org/seminar-location/detroit/>



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Upcoming FREE Webinars From PJRFSI

PJRFSI 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.

Friday, June 14, 2019

"How to Prevent the Top 5 Food Safety Audit Nonconformities"

Presented by Simon Jalali,
President of A to Z Management Consulting



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. We currently have the following webinars available for download:

- 3/18/2019 –
FSMA: FSVP and VQIP
- 1/18/2019 –
BRC Global Standard for Food Safety –
Introducing the 8th Version
- 12/7/2018 –
Food Fraud Audit Experience, Expertise, and Trends

Keep checking back to our website for newly added webinar dates. ♦