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GLOBALG.A.P. IFA - Rules for Parallel Ownership

According to version 6 of "GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations - Rules for parallel ownership," having IFA v6 Smart and IFA v6 GFS certification at the same time is not considered parallel ownership.

REMINDER FOR GLOBALG.A.P. IFA V6 CLIENTS

Please ensure you are using the updated Food Safety Policy Declaration (attach this document) in your documentation. This update is required for compliance and must be reflected in your management system.

Taking this step will help maintain alignment with current GLOBALG.A.P. requirements and avoid nonconformities in your next audit.

However, they would like to clarify that whenever the GLOBALG.A.P. identification number is used for products originating from production processes certified to IFA v6 GFS the GFS extension shall be used (e.g., GGN_1234567890123_GFS).

👉 **NEED CLARIFICATION?**
CONTACT PJRFSI FOR
MORE INFORMATION





PJRFSI Nominated for BRCGS Certification Body of the Year (Americas)!

Perry Johnson Registrars Food Safety, Inc. (PJRFSI) is honored to announce that we have been nominated for BRCGS Certification Body of the Year (Americas)!

This prestigious recognition highlights the dedication of our team to providing trusted certification services that help organizations achieve and maintain the highest standards in food safety and quality. Being nominated reflects not only the hard work of our auditors and staff, but also the continued partnership of our valued clients.

The award will be presented during the BRCGS Connect Charlotte 2025 Conference, taking place in Charlotte, North Carolina, on September 23, 2025. This event brings together leaders across the food industry to discuss innovation, regulatory updates, and best practices for advancing global food safety.

We are proud to stand alongside other outstanding organizations committed to raising the bar for certification excellence. PJRFSI thanks our clients and partners for trusting us as their certification body of choice wouldn't be here without your support.

Stay tuned for updates following the conference and wish us luck as we head to Charlotte!

PJRFSI AUDITOR NOMINATED - BRCGS AUDITOR OF THE YEAR!

We are proud to share that PJRFSI Auditor, Michaelle Hargrove, has been nominated for BRCGS Auditor of the Year (Americas)! This recognition highlights Michaelle's outstanding commitment to excellence, professionalism, and dedication to supporting clients in achieving the highest standards of food safety and quality.

The award will be presented during the BRCGS Connect Charlotte 2025 Conference on September 23, 2025, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Wish her luck!



Upcoming Tradeshows

Find PJRFSI at BRCGS Connect!



September 22–23, 2025



Charlotte, North Carolina

PJRFSI will be attending the **BRCGS Connect Conference**, and we look forward to seeing you there! Our representatives, **Lauren Maloney** and **Joel Verke**, will be networking on the show floor to connect with clients, colleagues, and industry professionals.

If you're attending, be sure to say hello—we'd love to catch up!

Stay Connected with PJRFSI

Don't miss important updates, industry news, and upcoming events! [Subscribe to our mailing list today](https://mailchi.mp/pjrfsi/subscribe) (Link: <https://mailchi.mp/pjrfsi/subscribe>) to receive the latest from PJRFSI straight to your inbox.



AGRAYA GMBH TAKES SHAPE: BUILT TO MEET THE FUTURE OF FARMING

"On 30 June 2025, FoodPLUS GmbH officially transitioned to AGRAYA GmbH. Today, we bring that change to life by introducing AGRAYA GmbH to the world with a distinctive visual identity, a focused strategy, and a clear vision for the future—all grounded in our mission to empower agricultural supply chains with trusted intelligence that enhances operational efficiency.

As the corporate home of the well-established GLOBALG.A.P. and GGN label brands, AGRAYA GmbH builds on over two decades of technical and operational expertise. Nevertheless, this is not just a continuation, but a deliberate shift toward a future-ready organization equipped to tackle emerging challenges and opportunities in the agricultural sector."



👉 Find out more on
the GLOBALG.A.P.
website

COMING SOON - BACKLINK PROGRAM FOR GMP/HACCP CLIENTS!

PJRFSI is excited to announce that we will soon be launching a **Backlink Program** for our HACCP/GMP clients. This initiative will allow certified clients to showcase their achievement with a direct link from our website, helping boost visibility and credibility. Stay tuned for more details in the coming months!



Scholarship Alert

Applications for the FMI Foundation Food Safety Auditing Scholarships are officially open! Annually, the FMI Foundation sponsors scholarships to students currently enrolled in food and agricultural science programs. These scholarships are extremely competitive and are based primarily on academic ability, leadership potential, motivation, and initiative, along with a passion for the food industry and the auditing profession.

Deadline: Oct 10, 2025, 11:59 PM (EDT)

👉 Visit the SQFI website for more information

CLIENT SPOTLIGHT: BOMARKO INC.



At PJRFSI, we are proud to work with organizations that are not only leaders in their industry but also deeply committed to continuous improvement, sustainability, and customer satisfaction. We are thrilled to spotlight one of our valued clients, **Bomarko Inc.**, a BRCGS certified flexible packaging manufacturer headquartered in Plymouth, Indiana.

Innovating Packaging Solutions

Bomarko Inc. specializes in printed flexible packaging for both food and medical device markets. Their products are crafted from polymer film, paper, foil, or laminations of these materials—many of which are coated in-house. With a focus on innovation, Bomarko is continuously developing sustainable solutions for the packaging industry. As an FSC-certified company and participant in Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) reporting, they demonstrate a proactive approach to environmental responsibility.

The Value of Certification

Certification has played a vital role in Bomarko's ability to maintain key client relationships, especially in sectors like ice cream novelties, candy, and chewing gum. The certification process has also streamlined their supplier qualification procedures, contributing to greater operational efficiency. According to Bomarko, certification is "beneficial", a sentiment that speaks to the measurable value it brings to their business.

A Strong Partnership with PJRFSI

Working with PJRFSI has been a positive experience for the Bomarko team. They've highlighted excellent customer service and clear communication as hallmarks of the relationship. We're proud to support their continued growth and success!

Growth and Vision

Bomarko currently operates two facilities in Plymouth, IN. Looking ahead, the company is preparing for a major expansion—adding 60,000 square feet and increasing their manufacturing capabilities in 2026. This growth reflects their steadfast commitment to exceeding customer expectations and remaining agile in a competitive industry.

What Sets Bomarko Apart

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A Customer-Centric Philosophy

Bomarko's core philosophy is simple yet powerful: **"To exceed all customer expectations."** This guiding principle fuels their innovation, quality, and dedication across every aspect of their business.

Congratulations to Bomarko Inc. on your continued achievements! We're honored to be part of your certification journey!


Connect with Bomarko Inc.

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IFA v6 Smart Available for Combinable Crops & Plant Propagation Material (PPM)

Following a comprehensive development process that began in 2023, the new Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) version 6 Smart standards for the product categories of combinable crops and PPM were published in the GLOBALG.A.P. document center on July 8, 2025.

Combinable Crops: covers all stages of production and a wide range of machine-harvested crops such as grains, pulses, fodder, and extracts for either cooked or processed consumption by humans or animals, or for use in industry.

PPM: aims to promote the responsible farming of propagation material for plant nurseries.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Valid and available for audits starting Dec 1, 2025
- Transition from v5.2 by May 1, 2026

👉 **FIND OUT WHAT'S NEW ON
THE GLOBALG.A.P. WEBSITE**

POST-AUDIT TIMELINE REFERENCE DOCUMENT -NOW AVAILABLE!

After your food safety audit is complete, understanding the next steps is crucial to maintaining compliance and achieving certification in a timely manner. That is 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.

👉 **Contact your project manager to get your copy today.**

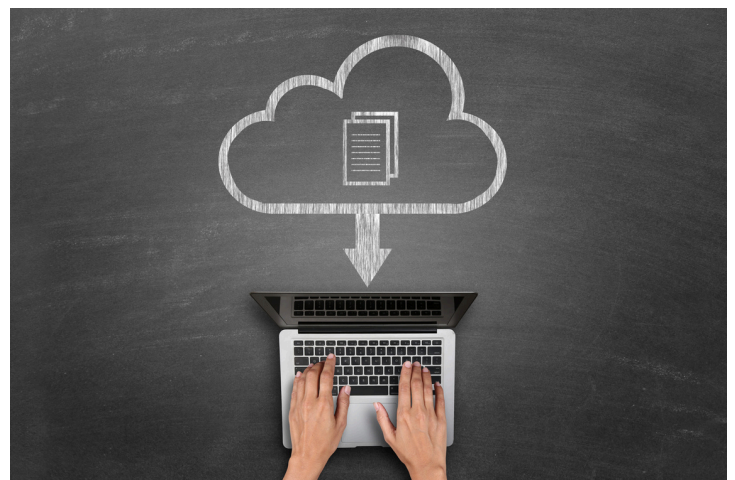


BRCGS New Rates Effective as of August 1, 2025

- Announced Audits
- Unannounced Audits
- Extensions
- Blended Audits
- Remote Audits

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SAVE THE DATE FOR DECEMBER AUDITOR TRAINING

Save the date for our Annual Auditor Training & Holiday Gala —Thursday, December 11th & Friday, December 12th — a full day of professional development, training credit units, and opportunities to connect with fellow auditors and industry leaders. Mark your calendars — you won't want to miss it! **Reach out to Heather Kyle at hkyle@pjrfpsi.com for more information!**

Webinars

Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 11:00am EDT
Navigating IFA v6: New USA NIGL & Tools for a Smooth Transition – [Click to Register!](#)

The GLOBALG.A.P. IFA v6 standard brings important updates for certified producers—and the recently released USA National Interpretation Guideline (NIGL) provides essential country-specific guidance to help you meet the requirements with confidence.

In this webinar, Antonio Restrepo, Producer Relationship Manager at GLOBALG.A.P. North America will walk you through the key elements of the USA NIGL, along with practical tools to make the transition to v6 easier, including the interactive IFA V6 Transition Tool and new educational videos.

Whether you're already preparing for your next audit or just starting your transition process, this session will give you the insights and resources you need to move forward smoothly.



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Proposed Takeaways:

- **Understand the USA NIGL** – Learn the key country-specific interpretations for applying IFA v6 requirements in the United States.
- **Identify What's New in v6** – Gain clarity on important updates from v5.2 to v6 that could impact your next audit.
- **Use the Transition Tool Effectively** – Discover how the interactive tool can help you plan and track your progress toward full v6 compliance.
- **Leverage Educational Resources** – Explore videos and guides designed to make complex requirements easier to understand and implement.
- **Prepare with Confidence** – Leave with actionable steps and tools to ensure a smooth, well-prepared transition for your operation.

Presented By:




Chris Reno – Commercial Business Manager Perry Johnson Registrars Food Safety, Inc. (PJRFPSI)

Antonio Restrepo – Producer Relationship Manager GLOBALG.A.P. North America

NEW DOWNLOADABLE TOOLS AVAILABLE!



PJRFSI has just added three valuable reference materials to support your root cause analysis and continuous improvement efforts. These free resources are now available on our Document Download page:

-  5 WHYs Root Cause Analysis Worksheet
-  Example 1 – Metal Detection
-  Example 2 – Compressed Air

These tools are designed to help your food safety team dig deeper into process issues and identify sustainable corrective actions.

👉 Download now: <https://www.pjrfsi.com/document-download/>

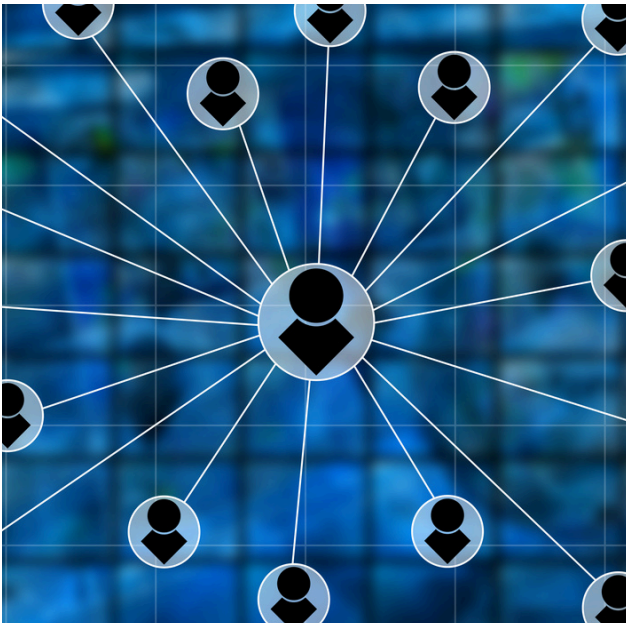


Standards Development Project: Good Manufacturing Practices for the Cannabis Industry

PJRFSI has launched a standards development project to create a Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) standard for the cannabis industry. This initiative, conducted under our designation as an ANSI-Accredited Standards Developer (ASD), will establish clear, consensus-driven guidelines to support product safety, consumer protection, and regulatory compliance in this rapidly growing market.

We invite all stakeholders, including industry representatives, regulators, and consumer advocates, to participate in shaping this important standard.

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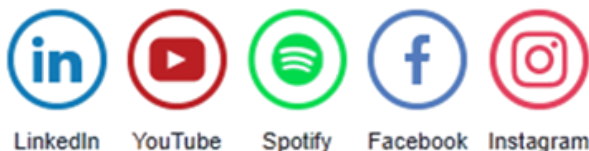
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