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BRCGS Aligned with GFSI 2024

As of August 10, 2026, all BRCGS audits are being conducted under the revised standards required to meet GFSI's 2024 Benchmarking Requirements. The update touches four BRCGS standards: Food Safety (Issue 9), Packaging Materials (Issue 7), Storage & Distribution (Issue 4), and Agents & Brokers (Issue 3).

BRCGS announced the changes on May 26, 2026, giving certified sites and auditors an 11-week transition window before the requirements became mandatory.

PJRFISI-certified sites should ensure they are aware of the updated criteria and how these changes may apply to their certification and upcoming audits.

Access Updated Registration Documents

Stay up-to-date with the most current versions of PJRFISI's official registration documents, including key forms, policies, procedures, and resources essential to your certification process.

Everything you need is just a click away.

View the full list on our website at
www.pjrfsi.com/document-download
Access Updated Registration Documents



Coming Soon: Annual Training 2026

PJRFSI is pleased to announce its 2026 Annual Auditor Training & Gala, taking place December 17–18, 2026. Our annual training brings together food safety auditors, technical experts, and industry leaders from across the globe for focused training, program updates, technical discussions, and knowledge sharing. Sessions will cover evolving food safety standards and scheme requirements, audit expectations, industry best practices, and emerging trends impacting the food safety certification community.

This important annual event helps ensure our auditor teams remain technically current, consistent, and prepared to meet the evolving needs of the organizations we certify, supporting successful audits throughout 2027 and beyond.



SQF Edition 10 Becomes Mandatory January 2, 2027

Mark your calendars: SQF Edition 10 will officially replace Edition 9 as the required standard for all SQF audits beginning January 2, 2027. Facilities certified to Edition 9 should start familiarizing themselves with the updated requirements now to ensure a smooth transition. PJRFSI is here to help guide you through the changes — reach out to your account manager with any questions as you prepare for your next audit cycle.

BRCGS Rating 5 Stars



PJRFSI is proud to hold a 5-star BRCGS rating, the highest distinction a Certification Body can achieve. This top-tier recognition spans our entire BRCGS scope, covering Food, Packaging Materials, Storage and Distribution, Agents and Brokers, Gluten-Free, START!, FSCE, and ETRS - Risk Assessment. BRCGS is built on using science for a safer world, and that commitment drives everything we do at PJRFSI. A huge thank you to Paul McPhee and our entire audit and operations teams for their dedication in achieving this milestone.

Past Trade show

IAFP 2026 | New Orleans, Louisiana

Another great IAFP Annual Meeting in the books! Joel from our PJRFSI team spent July 26-29 in New Orleans, Louisiana, connecting with food safety professionals from around the world at IAFP 2026. From great conversations on the show floor to catching up with industry partners and friends, this conference never disappoints. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to talk food safety, quality systems, and certification. We love these moments of connection as much as the content.



EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR) Now in Force

The EU Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR), Regulation (EU) 2025/40, is now in force, introducing new requirements related to packaging sustainability, recyclability and waste reduction across the European Union. This regulatory change is particularly relevant to PJRFSI's BRCGS Packaging Materials certification scope and may impact clients whose products are sold within the EU market.



PJRFSI offering CanadaGAP certification

PJRFSI is excited to announce it will soon be offering CanadaGAP certification! This expansion supports fresh fruit and vegetable producers with a trusted, recognized program covering food safety, regulatory compliance, and market access. Services will be available across Canada and the U.S. (excluding Quebec), helping agricultural producers demonstrate their commitment to safe, sustainable production with the same rigor and consistency PJRFSI is known for. Stay tuned for more details, and learn more about PJRFSI at pjrfsi.com!



What Amazon Certification Means for Dietary Supplement Sellers

Amazon has become the largest storefront in the world for dietary supplements, and with that reach comes responsibility. Over the past several years, Amazon has steadily tightened its Dietary Supplements Policy, requiring sellers to prove – not just claim – that their products are manufactured safely, labeled accurately, and free of contamination. For brands and distributors, that means third-party certification is no longer a marketing advantage. It is the price of admission.

At Perry Johnson Registrars Food Safety, Inc. (PJRFSI), we work with supplement manufacturers, brand owners, and private-label sellers every day to help them meet Amazon's requirements through recognized Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) and food safety certification programs. This article walks through what Amazon certification actually requires, how the audit process works, and which PJRFSI programs can get your products certified and listed.

Why Amazon Requires Third-Party Certification

Amazon's Dietary Supplements Policy exists to protect consumers from adulterated, mislabeled, or contaminated products, and to protect legitimate sellers from being undercut by non-compliant competitors. To sell dietary supplements on Amazon in the United States, sellers are generally required to submit, for each product or ASIN, a valid GMP certificate issued by an accredited third-party certification body, along with a Certificate of Analysis (COA) from an ISO/IEC 17025 accredited laboratory.

Amazon accepts GMP certificates from a defined list of accredited certification bodies and recognized standards, including NSF/ANSI 455-2, the SQF Dietary Supplements Food Safety Code, and other GFSI-benchmarked schemes. This is where PJRFSI comes in – as an accredited certification body, we issue the audited, third-party GMP certifications that Amazon's Seller Central portal is looking for.



The PJRFSI Certification Process

Whether you are certifying to NSF/ANSI 455-2, SQF, or BRCGS, the path to Amazon-ready certification follows a consistent, structured process. The infographic below outlines the four key stages.

1. Prepare for the PJRFSI Audit

- Review your applicable certification checklist against the standard's requirements.
- Confirm your Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are current, documented, and being followed on the floor.

2. Schedule the Audit

- Coordinate a facility inspection with a PJRFSI auditor qualified in your chosen standard.
- Undergo a records review covering batch production, testing, and traceability documentation.
- Submit corrective actions for any nonconformances identified during the audit.

3. Achieve Certification

- Once nonconformances are closed, PJRFSI issues your certificate and plaque.
- Certified clients also receive a complimentary marketing feature across PJRFSI's social channels.

4. List on Amazon

- Submit your certification documentation through Amazon Seller Central.
- Confirm your listing complies with Amazon's Dietary Supplements Policy.
- Begin selling with the confidence that your products meet a recognized, audited standard.



NSF/ANSI 455-2: Purpose-Built for Dietary Supplements

NSF/ANSI 455-2 is a GMP standard developed specifically for dietary supplement manufacturers, and it is explicitly named on Amazon's list of accepted certifications. PJRFSI is approved to certify against NSF/ANSI 455-2, giving supplement manufacturers a direct, efficient route to an Amazon-recognized GMP credential without forcing a facility that only produces supplements into a broader food-manufacturing framework. For many of our supplement clients, this is the most natural fit, since the standard was written around the realities of supplement production, potency testing, and labeling claims.

SQF: A GFSI-Benchmarked Option with Broad Recognition

For facilities that manufacture supplements alongside other food or beverage products, or that want a GFSI-benchmarked certification with wide retailer recognition, SQF is often the right fit. The SQF Food Safety Code includes provisions applicable to dietary supplement manufacturing, and an SQF certificate carries weight not only with Amazon but with grocery, retail, and foodservice customers across the supply chain. PJRFSI's SQF-licensed auditors evaluate your food safety plan, prerequisite programs, and quality systems against the current edition of the Code, helping you build a certification that supports both Amazon compliance and broader commercial relationships.

BRCGS: Global Retailer Confidence

BRCGS is another GFSI-benchmarked standard recognized around the world, particularly among European and multinational retailers. For supplement brands with international distribution ambitions, or for co-manufacturers serving retail customers who specifically request BRCGS, this certification demonstrates a mature, well-documented food safety and quality culture.

PJRFSI offers BRCGS Food Safety certification, and our auditors can help you determine whether BRCGS, SQF, or NSF/ANSI 455-2 best matches your product mix and customer requirements.

Choosing the Right Program for Your Facility

There is no single "correct" standard for every dietary supplement operation. The right choice depends on what you manufacture, who your customers are, and where you plan to sell. A few questions we walk through with clients:

- Do you manufacture supplements exclusively, or alongside conventional foods and beverages?
- Are your customers primarily domestic, or do you also serve international retailers?
- Does your current Amazon category require GMP certification only, or additional COA testing as well?
- Do you already hold a GFSI-benchmarked certification that could be leveraged or expanded?

Our team can review your current documentation and operations and recommend the certification pathway that gets you compliant efficiently, without unnecessary duplication of audit effort.

Get Started With PJRFSI

Amazon's dietary supplement requirements are not going away, and the sellers who get ahead of them protect their listings, their brand reputation, and their customers. PJRFSI has decades of experience delivering accredited food safety certifications, and our approval for NSF/ANSI 455-2, alongside our established SQF and BRCGS programs, means we can support dietary supplement manufacturers wherever they are in the certification journey.

Ready to get your products Amazon-ready? Contact PJRFSI today for a free quote and speak with our team about which certification program is the right fit for your facility.

Upcoming Trade Show

BRCGS **CONNECT**

BRCGS Connect Americas Conference 2026



Loews Nashville Hotel, Nashville, TN
October 13–14, 2026

PJRFSI is excited to announce that Paul McPhee will be representing the company at this year's event. Recognized as a premier event for food and product safety professionals, BRCGS Connect brings together industry experts, retailers, brands, and manufacturers for two days of learning, networking, and collaboration. Attendees can expect insightful sessions covering the latest developments in safety, quality, and manufacturing practices, along with hands-on masterclasses and valuable face-to-face connections across the industry. We look forward to Paul engaging with fellow professionals and bringing back fresh insights to support PJRFSI's continued commitment to food safety excellence.

NOTICE REGARDING THE RELEASE OF FSSC 22000 VERSION 7.0

We would like to inform you that the Foundation FSSC 22000 has published FSSC 22000 Version 7.0 in May 2026. This new version will apply to audits conducted on or after May 1, 2027. The key points are outlined below.

Please note: a video presentation covering the revisions to FSSC 22000 Version 7.0 can be viewed here:

<https://www.fssc.com/insights/insights-webinar-fssc-22000-introducing-version-7/>

If you have any questions, please contact our Sales Department or Schedulers. We thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



[Application of FSSC 22000 Version 7.0]

Effective Date: May 1, 2027

For Currently Certified Organizations

- Transition audits shall be conducted between May 1, 2027 and April 30, 2028.
- Surveillance audits conducted during the transition period will remain subject to the unannounced audit accordance with the applicable criteria.

For Initial Certification

- For audits conducted on or after May 1, 2027, both Stage 1 and Stage 2 audits shall be conducted against Version 7.0.
- If the Stage 1 audit is conducted on or before April 30, 2027, the Stage 1 audit shall be conducted against Version 6.0, while the Stage 2 audit shall be conducted against Version 7.0.

[REQUIREMENTS FOR ORGANIZATIONS TO BE AUDITED]

Documents outlining the changes introduced in Version 7 are also available under “All” or “Additional Information” here:

<https://www.fssc.com/fssc-22000/documents/version-7-documents/>

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PJRFSI's Full Range of Programs

From food safety to quality assurance and regulatory compliance, PJRFSI offers a comprehensive range of services tailored to the unique needs of the food industry. Whether you're pursuing USDA Organic, GFSI-recognized schemes like SQF, BRCGS, GLOBALG.A.P., our expert team is here to support you through every step of the process.

GFSI RECOGNIZED STANDARDS

- BRCGS
- SQF
- PRIMUSGFS
- GLOBALG.A.P.:
- COC – IFA – HPSS – PHA

Government Accredited Programs

- Animal Care Program
- USDA Organic Program

PJRFSI Accredited Standards

- Hemp
 - GMP – GACP
- Cannabis
 - GMP – GACP

PJRFSI Compliance Programs

- BRCGS Gluten-Free
- Global Storage and Distribution Management (GSDM)
- Current Good Manufacturing Practice (cGMP)
- Good Agricultural and Collection Practices (GACP)
- GLOBALG.A.P. GRASP
- Produce GAP Harmonized Standard
- HACCP/GMP

Accredited Standards

- BRCGS Agents and Brokers

Other

- NSF/ANSI 455-2 Dietary Supplements

Lettuce Entertain You!

Time to take a crunchy break and tickle your funny bone!

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Q: How do you make a pecan laugh?



A: Crack it up

Crystal 20 Years at PJ Companies



Congratulations to Crystal Reardon on an incredible 20 years with Perry Johnson! Two decades of dedication, expertise, and hard work is truly something to celebrate. Crystal's commitment has left a lasting mark on the company and on everyone fortunate enough to work alongside her. Here's to the milestones already achieved and to many more years of continued success ahead. Thank you, Crystal, for two decades of outstanding service!

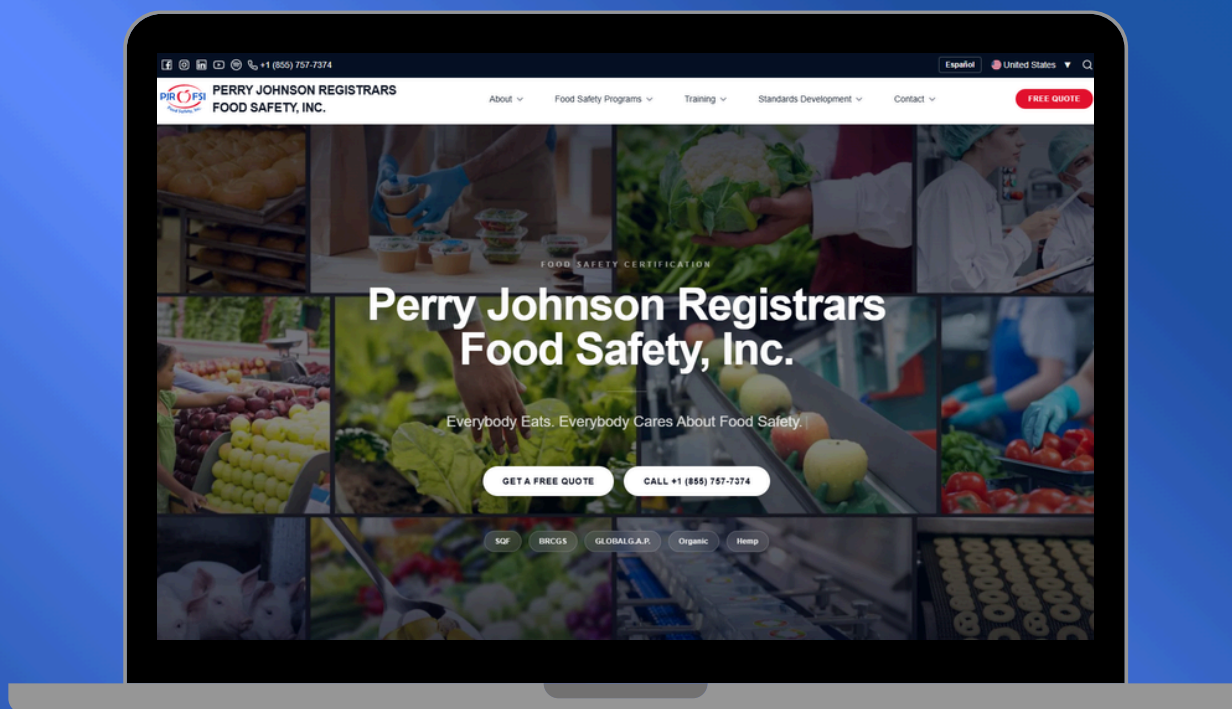
Meet the Front Desk

When you call our headquarters, chances are the first friendly voice you hear belongs to our incredible front desk team, Angela and Marissa. From managing busy phone lines to supporting employees and clients alike, their dedication never goes unnoticed. In a world increasingly driven by automation, we believe there is still tremendous value in real people answering the phone. A warm greeting, a helpful conversation, and a personal touch can make all the difference!



We've Got a New Look

Explore Our Newly Redesigned Website



www.pjrfsi.com



Help Us Grow Our Online Presence

Are you following PJRFSI on your favorite social media platforms? If not, take a moment to connect with us today!

Your support helps boost our visibility and credibility online. While you're at it, don't forget to **invite your professional connections to follow us, too** every follow counts!



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