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## BRCGS Transition

The **BRCGS Global Standard Packaging Materials Issue 7** was officially published on **October 28, 2024**. This updated standard, along with its **Key Changes** document, is now available on the BRCGS website.

### Key Highlights of Issue 7

Issue 7 is designed to enhance clarity and strengthen requirements, with a focus on reducing common non-conformities observed in Issue 6. The key updates include:

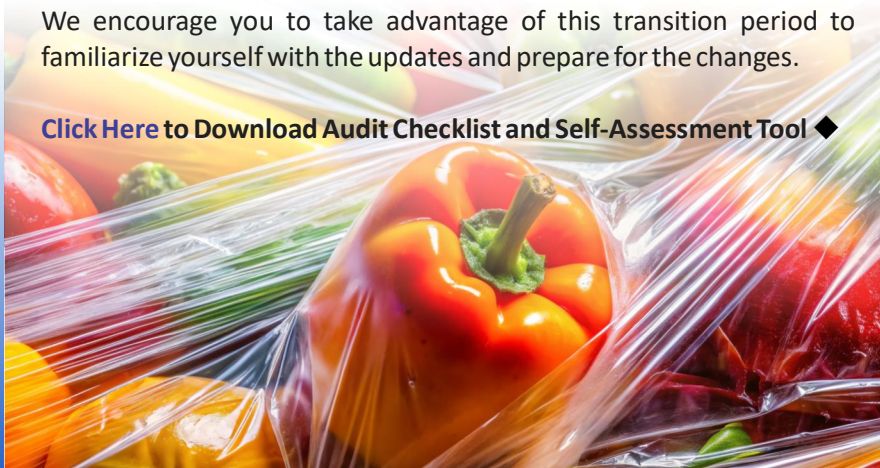
- **Advancing Product Safety Culture:** A continued emphasis on fostering strong safety cultures.
- **Improved Risk Management:** Updates to hazard analysis and risk assessment systems in alignment with Codex Alimentarius.
- **Commitment to Continual Improvement:** Enhanced focus on implementing effective systems and processes.
- **Global Relevance:** Adjustments to align with current **GFSI Benchmarking** requirements.
- **Reflecting Industry Trends:** Inclusion of single-use disposable products and other updates to maintain relevance and trust across stakeholders.

### Transition Timeline

A six-month transition period has been established to allow sites and auditors to review the new standard, complete training, and prepare for audits. The **first audits to Issue 7** will begin on **April 28, 2025**.

We encourage you to take advantage of this transition period to familiarize yourself with the updates and prepare for the changes.

[Click Here to Download Audit Checklist and Self-Assessment Tool](#) ◆



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**Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 11:00am ET**  
**Back to the Basics: Mastering Your Food Safety Plan**

**Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 1:00pm ET**  
**Organic Update with Rachel Winter**

## Call For Guest Speakers

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- Share your expertise with a global audience
- Help educate and elevate the food safety community
- Expand your network and gain visibility

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# Your Sneak Peak Into The Key Changes In SQF Edition 10

Here are some highlights shaping the new Code from the SQFI website:

- **Strengthening Food Safety Culture:** We're introducing a comprehensive Food Safety Culture Plan that sets clear objectives and performance measures. This plan is designed to instill a shared commitment to food safety—from leadership to frontline workers.
- **Enhancing Change Management:** Edition 10 now includes a dedicated Change Management clause. Organizations must document procedures for managing changes in equipment, processes, or personnel, effectively mitigating associated risks.
- **Streamlining Records and Documentation:** Recognizing the challenges of scattered record-keeping, we've consolidated documentation requirements into one clear section. This reorganization simplifies compliance and provides auditors with a more straightforward review process.
- **Emphasizing Critical Training and Assessments:** The updated code mandates rigorous assessments of critical training programs, ensuring that all personnel remain competent and fully capable of upholding the highest standards of food safety.

Source: <https://www.sqfi.com/news/blog/view/sqfi-blog/2025/02/28/embracing-the-future-of-food-safety--sqf-code-edition-10---a-journey> ◆

## PJRFSI Has Achieved Accreditation For BRC Agents And Brokers

We are proud to announce that PJRFSI has achieved accreditation for **BRCGS Agents and Brokers Issue 3!**

This accreditation reflects our unwavering commitment to food safety, quality, and operational excellence. By meeting these rigorous global standards, we continue to ensure the highest level of integrity and trust in the supply chain.

A huge thank you to our dedicated team and valued partners for making this achievement possible!

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Contact us today to embark on a journey towards a safer and more sustainable food industry. Request a FREE, no commitment quote now! ◆

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## FSMA Update

FSMA PSR Add-On Version 2.1 has been released, featuring key updates to align with the FDA's FSMA final rule on preharvest agricultural water. All FSMA audits on or after April 7, 2025 will be to the new standard.

### What is new in the FSMA PSR add-on v2.1?

Version 2.1 of the FSMA PSR add-on includes updates to the preharvest agricultural water section to align with the FDA's publication of the "FSMA final rule on preharvest agricultural water." Additional updates include correction of the general regulation's specifications, updated terminology in the principles and criteria, and alignment of the guidelines to the new agricultural water rule.

### Changes to the GLOBALG.A.P. general regulations specifications:

- Inclusion of FSMA PSR add-on v2.1 IHT Produce Safety Alliance training requirements, previously required and reinforced through Technical New

### Changes to the principles and criteria (P&C) and checklist:

- Section 5 updated records requirements
- Section 6 removed preharvest water testing
- Section 6 added preharvest agricultural water risk assessment and corrective action requirements
- All Principles & Criteria updated to Major Musts

### Changes to the guideline:

- New definitions for agricultural water, agricultural water risk assessment, and agricultural water system
- Added FDA's agricultural water risk assessment table
- Added FDA's outcomes and mitigation procedures table

For more details or to discuss how these changes affect your certification, please contact us at [pjrfsi@pjrfsi.com](mailto:pjrfsi@pjrfsi.com). ♦

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## Celebrating Our Employee Of The Year: Rachel Winter!

PJRFSI is thrilled to honor Rachel Winter, our exceptional Organic Program Manager, as the 2024 Employee of the Year! Rachel's unwavering dedication has made a profound impact on our clients and team alike. Her ability to navigate the complexities of the organic industry while providing outstanding service is truly inspiring.

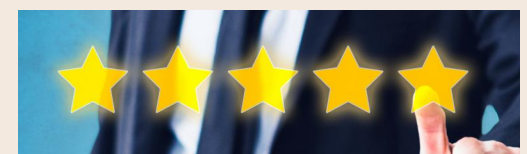
Join us in congratulating Rachel on this well-deserved recognition! Your hard work and commitment make all the difference, Rachel – thank you for everything you do!



**Rachel Winter**  
PJRFSI's 2024 Employee of the Year!

## 5-Star CB Status From BRCGS

We're excited to share that PJRFSI has once again achieved 5-star CB status with BRCGS! A huge thank you to our dedicated team for their hard work and commitment to excellence. ♦



## Celebrating Growth At The 2024 Annual Sales Training

Back in December, Perry Johnson Registrars Food Safety, Inc. (PJRFSI) gathered project managers and staff from across the country at our headquarters in Troy, Michigan, for our Annual Sales Training. This event set the stage for another successful year, equipping our team with the latest insights in food safety programs and strengthening our commitment to excellence in certification and compliance.

Throughout the week, team members participated in in-depth training sessions, interactive discussions, and engaging team-building activities. A highlight of the event was a presentation led by Lauren Maloney and her team, who provided key updates on industry trends and program enhancements, ensuring that PJRFSI remains at the forefront of food safety.

Beyond the training, the event fostered collaboration and camaraderie, with team-building activities like a visit to the Fowling Warehouse in Hamtramck, MI. These moments of connection reinforce the strong foundation of teamwork and dedication that drives PJRFSI forward.

With this training, our team is more prepared than ever to support our clients and navigate the evolving landscape of food safety. As we continue through 2025, we look forward to applying our knowledge, expanding our impact, and achieving new milestones in food safety certification. ♦



## On The Road Again

PJRFSI was proudly in attendance at the 2025 ACA Conference and SQF Unites. ♦



## Check Out Our Latest Blog Articles!



### Preventing Legal Trouble: Strengthening Food Safety Plans for Risk Management

March 14, 2025 | by PJRFSI | [Leave a Comment \(Edit\)](#)



### Understanding Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS)

March 5, 2025 | by PJRFSI | [Leave a Comment \(Edit\)](#)



### Cannabis Industry Predictions for 2025: Key Trends for Food Safety and Compliance

February 20, 2025 | by PJRFSI | [Leave a Comment \(Edit\)](#)

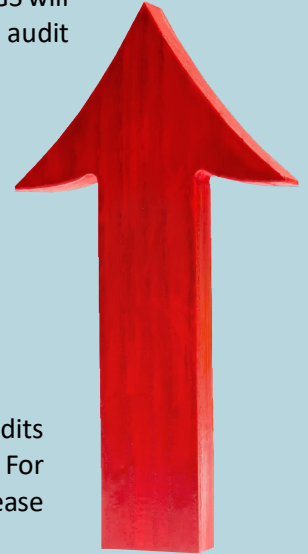
## Attention PJRFSI Clients: BRCGS Rate Increase In 2025

Starting August 1, 2025, BRCGS will implement new rates for all audit types, including:

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

These changes will apply to audits conducted on or after this date. For further details or questions, please reach out to [pjrfsi@pjrfsi.com](mailto:pjrfsi@pjrfsi.com).

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## PJRFSI Podcasts



The Perry Johnson Registrars Food Safety, Inc. Podcast



### The PJRFSI Podcast: Food Traceability Rule

Wednesday Jan 22, 2025

In this episode, Joel Verke dives into the Food Traceability Rule with special guest Anish Pandian from GHP Consulting and Testing LLC. Join us as we explore how the rule impacts the food industry and its role in enhancing food safety. ◆