

BSI HACCP and GMP Certification Criteria for the Cannabis Industry



Certifying to the BSI HACCP and GMP Certification Criteria



will give you industry recognition for your HACCP-based food safety management system. This certification criteria was specifically written by BSI to provide a robust framework for the application of the Codex Alimentarius HACCP methodology to meet current cannabis industry expectations.

The addition of Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) acknowledges the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) prerequisite/support programs implemented to demonstrate the effectiveness of your HACCP Food Safety Management System. The certification criteria has three separate modules covering management systems, HACCP and GMP, giving you the flexibility to select the modules that best suit your business. Whether you seek recognition for HACCP and GMP or standalone HACCP or GMP, we can provide the certification to meet your unique needs.

Benefits of BSI HACCP and GMP

If you're in the business of Cannabis edible manufacture and supply then you already have the basis of a food safety management system. Certification to the BSI HACCP and GMP Certification Criteria is the next step towards a formalized food safety certification. It is also a stepping stone to GFSI standards with the same industry best practice intent for product validation, approved supplier programs, foreign matter controls, allergen management and training. This standard will allow you to demonstrate your commitment to a preventative hazard and risk-based food safety management system with the added benefits of:

- Recognition for implementation of a food safety management system based on globally recognized Codex Alimentarius preliminary steps and HACCP principles
- Demonstrating your commitment to food safety and providing confidence to your customers
- Providing a systematic methodology to effectively identify and manage food safety risks
- Promoting the review and continual improvement of your food safety management system

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Supported by customers

Many Cannabis organizations support the BSI HACCP and GMP Certification Criteria as a core food safety standard and accept certification to a HACCP-based certification program as a prerequisite to their supplier approval process. Certification to the BSI HACCP and GMP criteria is specific for the product range, scope of operation and the site where products are handled, providing confidence to your customers that their products are covered in individual site certifications.

Appropriate

The BSI HACCP and GMP Certification Criteria has been developed internally by a specialized BSI team of food safety auditors and risk and compliance specialists to provide audit criteria that meets current Cannabis industry expectations. It's based on Codex Alimentarius HACCP and incorporates management system concepts and excellence criteria to ensure Cannabis edible safety and quality.

Popular BSI HACCP and GMP training courses



The BSI team provides you with the knowledge and skills you need to effectively develop, implement and maintain the BSI HACCP and GMP Certification Criteria. Our food safety training courses are regularly revised and updated to reflect current industry expectations and our delivery techniques will make sure that you fully understand the intent and application of the criteria for HACCP and GMP.

You'll learn about each of the clauses and how to apply prescriptive requirements and Codex Alimentarius methodology to keep your manufacturing processes safe. We'll put your learning into context with a blend of classroom instruction, workshops and interactive sessions. We have a choice of two courses to meet your training needs.

- **HACCP Plan and Implementation** is a two-day comprehensive course covering Codex Alimentarius HACCP methodology and the application of the BSI HACCP and GMP Standard.
- **HACCP Refresh** is a one-day course providing a knowledge 'refresher' to food industry professionals who are already familiar with HACCP risk methodology with references to current industry thinking, interpretation and application of the BSI Certification criteria specific to HACCP.

Both of these training courses will provide you with the knowledge and skills to undertake a review of your existing HACCP plan and to actively contribute to a HACCP team.

Why BSI?



By Royal Charter

BSI believes the world should be supplied with food that has been produced to an industry recognized food safety standard. We offer a broad range of food safety certification and risk management services to help all organizations in the cannabis and food supply chain achieve compliance and industry best practice to grow their business.

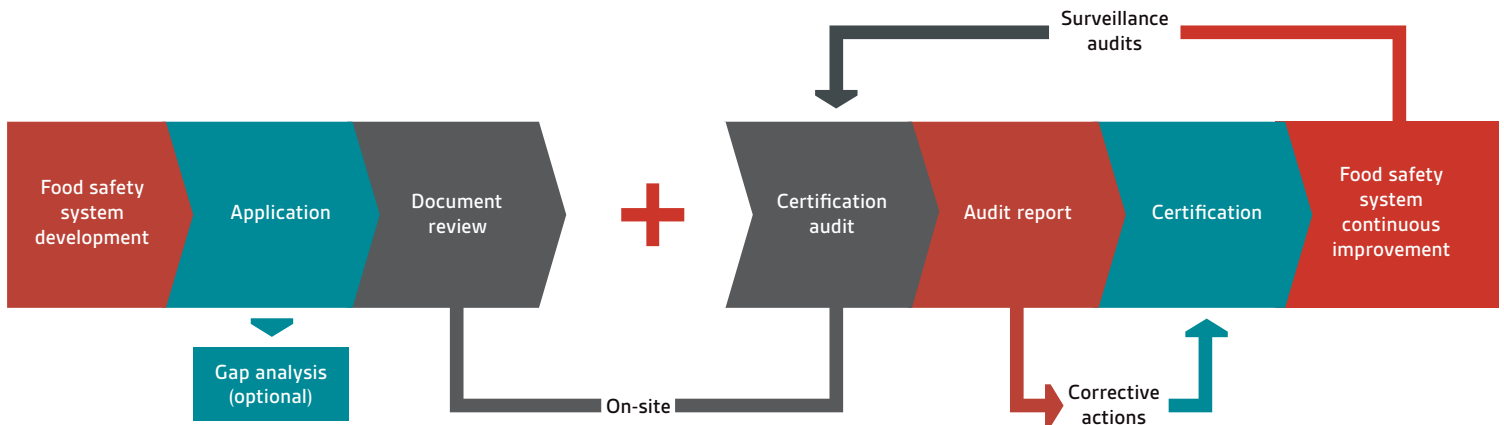
We're a leading food safety and certification provider with extensive auditing capacity and the capability to conduct integrated audits for a wide range of food safety standards across the entire cannabis, food and beverage supply chain – including GFSI-recognized standards.

Our service solution for food safety includes certification, training, assessment and supply chain software, providing you and your customers assurance and enabling you to manage risk more effectively.

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The journey to certification



The first step to certification to the BSI HACCP and GMP Certification Criteria is to develop your food safety management system against the preliminary steps and principles of HACCP using the certification criteria as a guide to the level of detail required in your documented system for a range of food safety related activities.

Once your food safety management system has been documented and implemented, you can use our free self-assessment checklist to determine if you are audit-ready. We can also conduct a gap audit to help identify and prioritize the issues that you'll need to address prior to a certification audit.

There are two levels of certification to the BSI HACCP-GMP Certification Criteria, allowing you to select from Essential and Excellence criteria.

- Organizations meeting essential criteria will be awarded a HACCP and GMP, HACCP or GMP certificate depending on the modules/clauses selected.
- Organizations that are able to demonstrate best-in-class practice may opt to include the "Excellence" criteria in their assessment which will result in an "Excellence in HACCP & GMP" or "Excellence in GMP" certificate being awarded.

Whether you're ready for the next step in best practice food safety management or you're more concerned about meeting the requirements of your customers or protecting consumers, certifying to the BSI HACCP and GMP Certification Criteria can drive meaningful change in your organization. From an initial introduction to the standard through to training and certification, no matter how far along you are, BSI can support your journey.



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