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Food Safety

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- cGMP
- Organization
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MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS FOR PRODUCT SAFETY

- ◆ Organization
- ♦ Vendor Specifications
- ◆ QC Programs/Lab Access/Sampling
- ◆ Receiving Programs
- ◆ Preventive
 Maintenance/Equipment
 Specifications
- ◆ Employee Training
- ◆ Preventive Cleaning
- ♦ IPM
- ◆ Management Self-Inspection Program
- ◆ Consumer Complaint/Recall Program
- **◆ HACCP**

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QUALITY

- ♦ Company's Requirements
- **♦ Company Controls**
- ◆ Company Establishes



ORGANIZATION

- ◆ Clearly defined charts
- ◆ Clear lines of responsibilities/Accountability
- ◆ Trained Staff
- ♦ Open Communication
- ◆ Team Effort

VENDOR SPECIFICATIONS

- ◆ Establish Standards/Expectations
- ◆ Profile Products to Identify Hazards
- ◆ Review Vendor Product Safety Programs
- ◆ Third Party Audits to Verify Programs
- ◆ Determine the Frequency of Audits

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QC PROGRAMS/LAB ACCESS/SAMPLING

- ♦ In-house Analysis of Specific Issues
 - -Mycotoxins: Aflatoxin, Vomitoxin
 - Microbiological Issues: Bacteria, Mold, Yeast, Viruses
 - -Foreign Material: Metal, Glass, Wood
 - Product Specification Compliance: Color, Weight, Granulation, etc.

QC PROGRAMS/LAB ACCESS/SAMPLING (cont'd)

- ◆ Certificates of Analysis
 - Required at the Time of Receipt for Each Sensitive Lot
 - Product Held Until Cleared for Use
- ◆ Continuous Guarantee
 - Attempts to Guarantee the Process
 Will Not Change Without Notification

QC Programs/Lab Access/Sampling (con't)

- ♦ In Process Analysis
 - Conducted at Established Control Points
 - Monitors Upper and/or Critical Limits
- ◆Finished Product Analysis

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RECEIVING PROGRAM **◆ Covers All Materials** -Ingredients -Equipment -Chemicals ◆ Follows Predetermined Sampling if in Place ◆ Provides Detailed Review of Materials ◆ Provides for Review of Vehicles ◆ Examination of Product Safety Devices ◆ Appropriate Documentation Provided **SHIPPING AND WAREHOUSING ◆ Carrier Standards** ◆ Carrier Inspection Before Loading ◆ Warehouse Selection and Approval ◆ Audit Warehouse Product Protection **Programs**

PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE / EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

- **♦ Well-Trained Personnel**
- ◆ Predetermined Scheduled Maintenance
- ♦ Documented Procedures
- ♦ Supervisor Follow-Up
- ◆ Equipment Design Specifications are Enforced
- ◆ Priority System for Repairs in Place
- ◆ Documentation and Verification

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

- ♦ Initial Employment
- ◆ Job Specific
- ◆ Product Safety
- ◆ Personnel Safety
- ◆ Periodic Review
- **◆** Documentation

PREVENTIVE CLEANING PROGRAMS

- ◆ Master Sanitation Schedules
- ♦ Written Procedures
- **◆ Employee Training**
- ◆ Supervisor Follow-Up
- ◆ Documentation
- ◆ Appropriate Equipment

IPM

- ◆ Trained Personnel
- **♦ Licensed Personnel**
- **♦ Written Procedures**
- ◆ Proper Materials
- ◆ Proper Application Equipment
- ◆ Monitoring Systems
 - -Pheromones
 - ~Glue
 - -Traps
- ◆ IPM Strategies

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MANAGEMENT SELF-INSPECTION

- ◆ Multi-disciplined Inspection Team
- ♦ Assumes a Pro-Active Role
- ◆ Properly Documented
- ◆ Follow-Up Required
- ◆ Activities Convey a Clear Message of Commitment

Allergen Control Program

- ◆ Comprehensive review of all ingredients and labels
- Separate and distinct handling procedures
- Separate and distinct cleaning procedures
- Requires comprehensive employee training.

CONSUMER COMPLAINT/RECALL

- **◆ Documented Procedures**
- ◆ Priority Response System in Place
- ◆ Periodic Review Conducted
- ◆ Properly Trained and Informed Personnel

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HACCP

- ♦ A Pro-Active Plan is in Place
- ♦ Flow Diagrams Accurate
- ♦ CCPs have been identified properly
- ♦ CCP monitoring is conducted
- ♦ Employee Training is Ongoing
- ◆ Documentation is in Place
- ◆ System for Verification in Place
- ♦ Incident Report System Functional

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