



SQF Code, edition 8 Overview

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Edition 8 Goals

Re-design the Food Safety and Quality Code to fit the needs of the operation and industry sector

Update the System Elements and Good Industry Practices and focus on the latest food safety issues and regulatory requirements

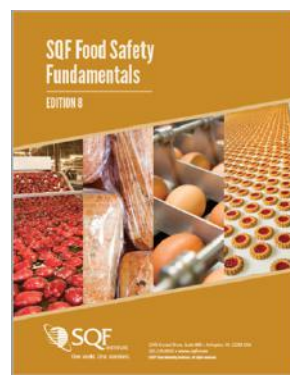
Build the quality elements to address continuous improvement

Include the GFSI Benchmarking Requirements v. 7

Edition 8 Structure



Level 1



Level 2



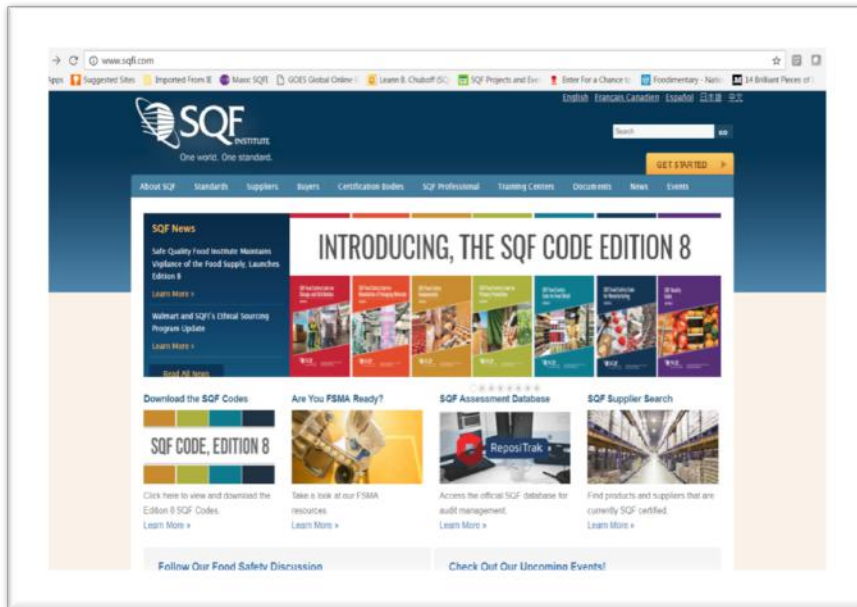
Level 3





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Edition 8 Structure



- 7 Distinct Codes, customized to meet the needs of the industry
 - SQF Food Safety Fundamentals
 - SQF Food Safety Code for Manufacturing
 - SQF Food Safety Code for Primary
 - SQF Food Safety Code for Storage and Distribution
 - SQF Food Safety Code for Manufacture of Food Packaging
 - SQF Food Safety Code for Food Retail
 - SQF Quality Code
- Easy to identify
 - Color-coded covers
 - Available on SQFI website
- Unique System Elements and Part A to address the needs of each industry sector
- SQF Code continues to be a farm-to-fork solution



Same Levels - Different Approach

Food Safety Fundamentals

- Formerly Level 1
- Entry level for new business
- HACCP not required- Not GFSI benchmarked

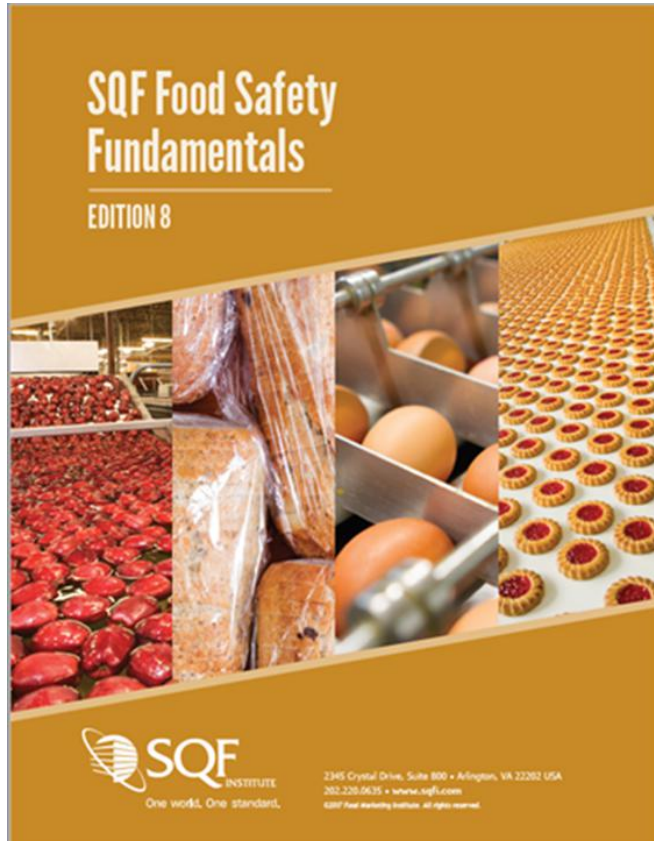
Food Safety Code

- Formerly Level 2
- Primary Production- FSCs: 1, 3, 5, 6
- Manufacturing- FSCs: 4; 7-22; 25*; 31-34
- Storage and Distribution- FSC: 26
- Manufacture of Packaging Materials- FSC: 27
- Retail- FSC: 24- NEW

Quality Code

- Formerly Level 3
- System elements specific to quality
- Can be conducted with or without the food safety audit
- Results will not affect the score of the food safety audit
- Not available for Food Retail

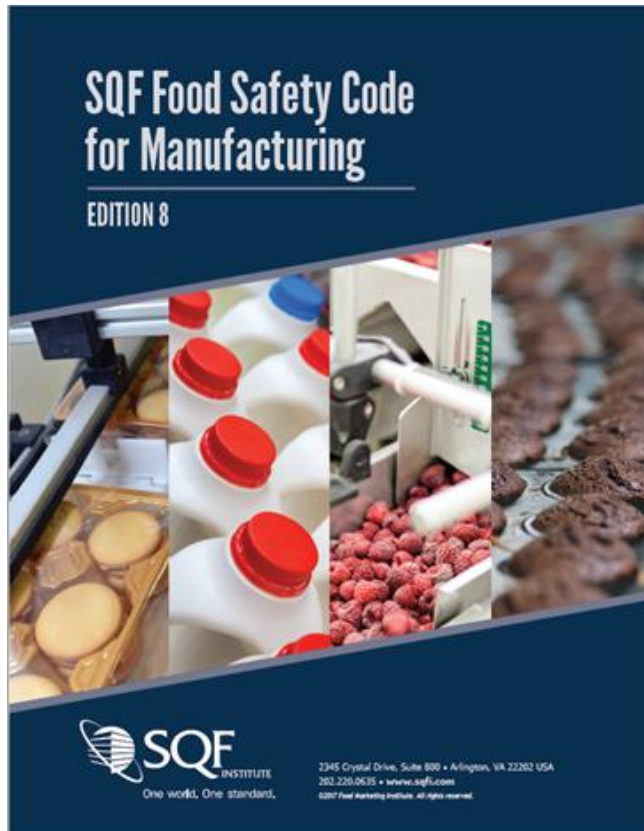
SQF Food Safety Fundamentals



- Formerly Level 1
- Unique system elements
 - Removed requirement to have SQF practitioner attend HACCP training
 - HACCP not required
- Applies to manufacturing of food and food packaging, primary production and distribution (GMP, GAP and GDPs)
 - Modules 7, 11, 12 and 13 included
- NOT GFSI benchmarked



SQF Food Safety Code for Manufacturing

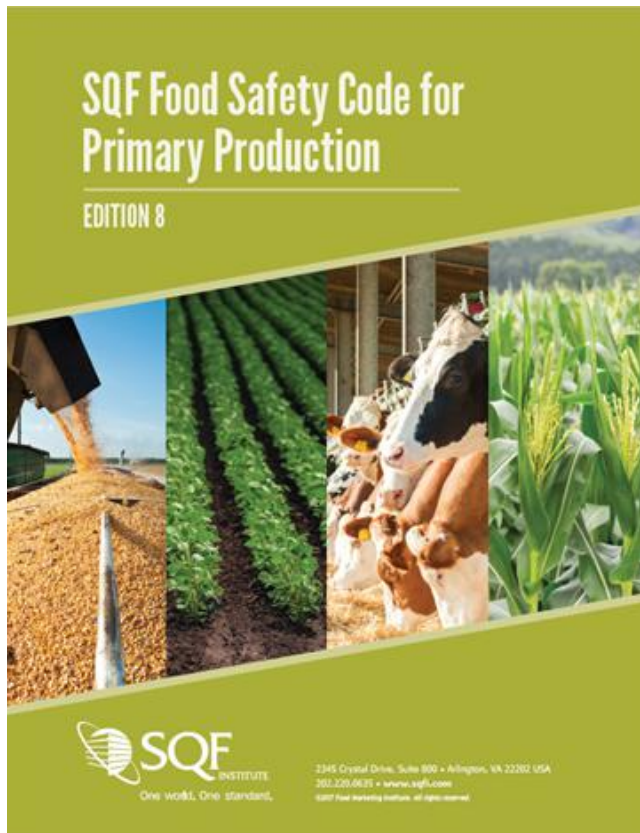


- Unique Part A and System Elements
- Covers produce pack houses, slaughterhouses, all food manufacturing, and the manufacture of animal feed and pet food
 - FSCs 4; 7-22; 25; 31-34
- Applicable GMP modules:
 - 9, 10 and 11
- Will be submitted to GFSI for benchmarking to v 7



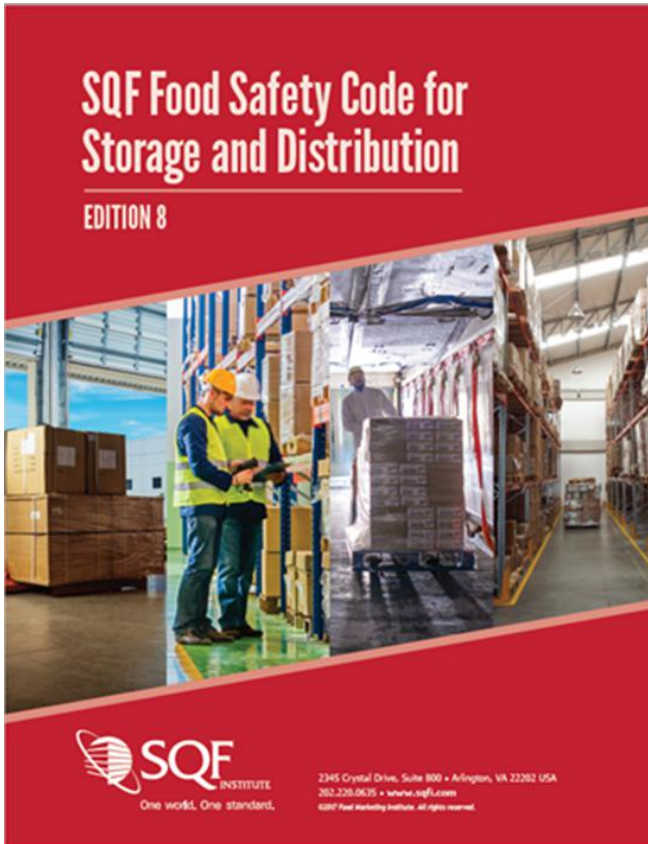
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SQF Food Safety Code for Primary Production



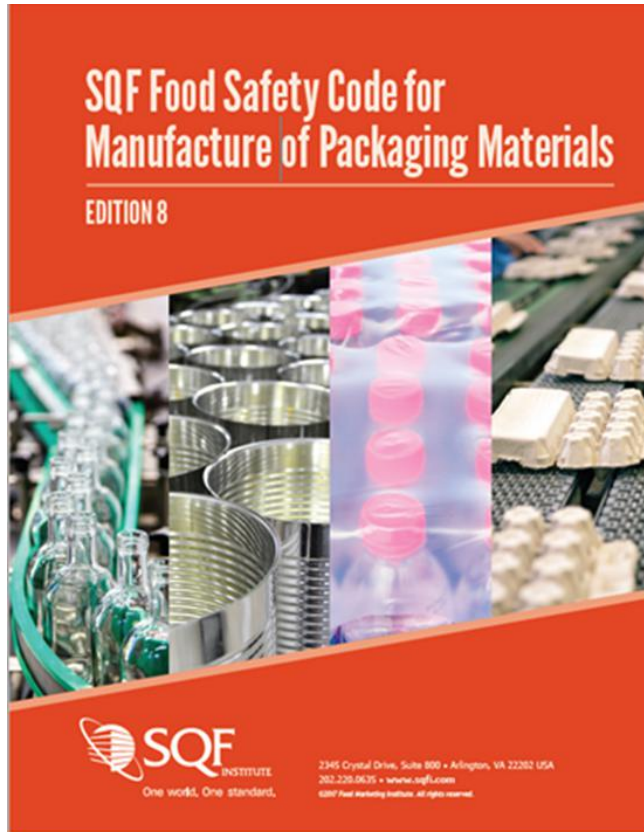
- Unique Part A and System Elements
- Covers all pre-farm gate activities: livestock, produce, aquaculture
 - FSCs 1, 2, 3, 5, 6
- Applicable GMP modules:
 - 5, 6, 7, 7H, 8
- Will be submitted to GFSI for benchmarking to v 7

SQF Food Safety Code for Storage and Distribution



- Unique Part A and system elements
- Covers the system elements, and Good Distribution Practices for the transport, storage and distribution of perishable and non-perishable food and feed products
 - FSC 26
- Applicable GDP module
 - 12
- Will be submitted to GFSI for benchmarking to v7

SQF Food Safety Code for Manufacture of Food Packaging

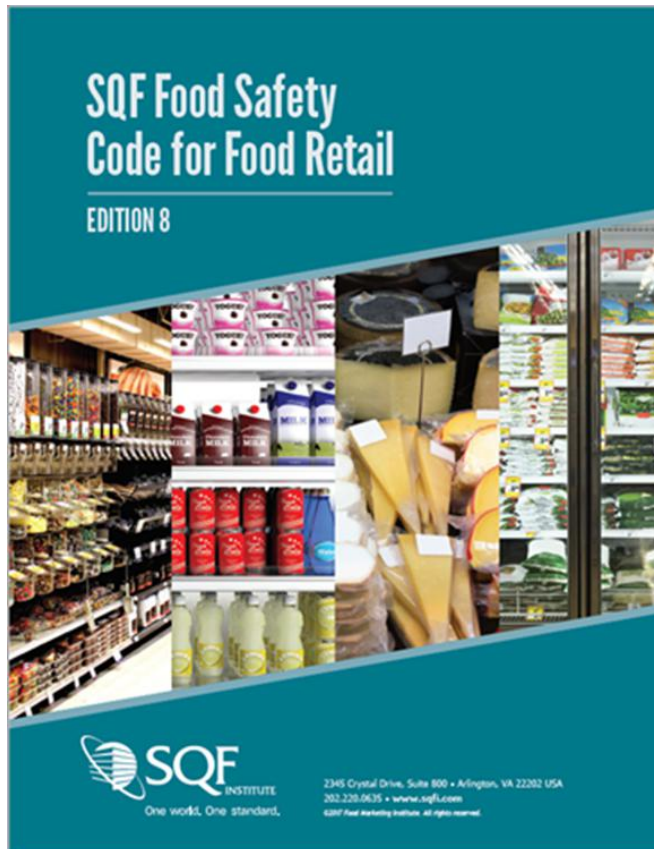


- Separate Part A and System Elements
- Covers the system elements, and Good Manufacturing Practices for the manufacture of food packaging
 - FSC 27
- Applicable GDP module
 - 13
- Addresses items that may be used in food manufacturing or food service facilities (e.g. paper towel, napkins, disposable food containers, straws, stirrers)



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SQF Food Safety Code for Food Retail

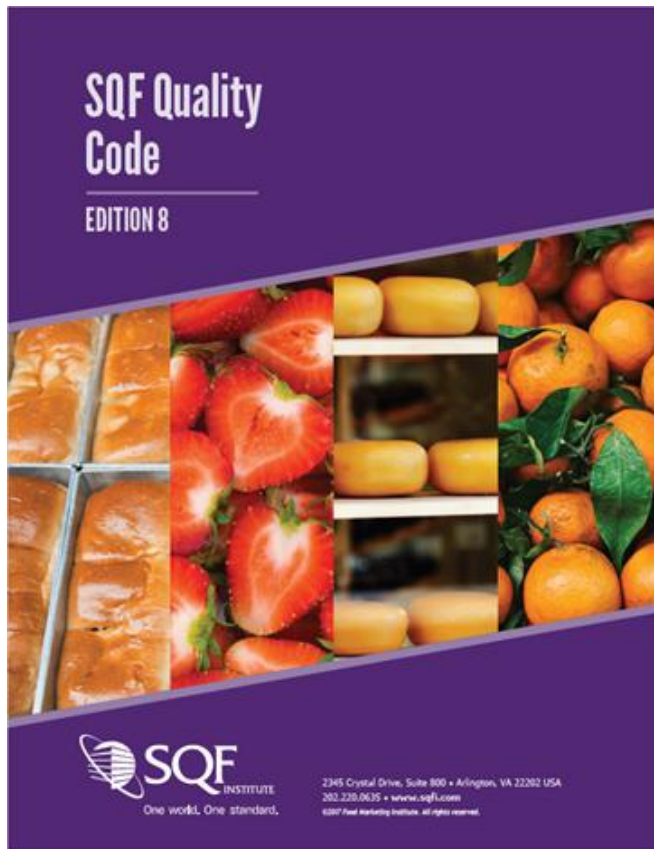


- NEW standard
- System Elements are very different from those in the other Food Safety Codes
- Covers the system elements, and Good Retail Practices for retail, wholesale and grocery
 - FSC 24
- Corporate and store level audit
- Multi-site option



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SQF Quality Code



- Formerly level 3
- Sites must remain certified to the SQF Food Safety Code
- Can be audited as an extension of the food safety audit or stand-alone
- Quality audit is not scored or rated
- Outcome of the quality audit does not affect the score or rating of the food safety audit



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Food Safety Code: Part A Updates

- Changed to "site" rather than "organization," "supplier," or "facility" throughout the Codes.
- Added requirement for all operational and cleaning shifts and pre-operational inspections, where applicable
- Option for corporate audits
- New mandatory elements
 - Complaint Management (all scopes)
 - Allergen Management (manufacturing, storage and distribution, manufacture of food packaging)
- Changed to corrective actions close out timeframe
 - Minors and Majors- close out in 30 days
- Removed OIPs as a response
- Unannounced audit protocol remains the same however--
 - Added protocol for voluntary annual unannounced audit
 - Recognition on the certificate
- Surveillance audits following suspension is now termed as an on-site visit and is unannounced
- Withdrawn sites are posted on the SQFI website for 12 months
- Withdrawn sites are required to wait 12 months before reapplying for certification
- New section on compliance
- Re-defined requirements for technical experts
- Re-designed food sector categories for clearer identification of industry scopes



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Food Safety Code - System Elements Updates

- 2.1- Emphasis on Senior Management:
 - New element on change management
 - Emphasized site management responsibility for training and communication
 - Require monthly meetings between Senior Management and the SQF practitioner
 - Blackout periods now included in system elements, to allow auditor opportunity to check designated blackout dates.
- 2.1.5- 'Business Continuity Planning' is now 'Crisis Management Planning'
- 2.4.3- Significant detail around the food safety plans
- 2.4.4- New element on food fraud (2.4.4.5, 2.4.4.6) and food defense (2.4.4.4) plan required for incoming materials
- 2.4.8- Environmental monitoring added as a system elements (topic was in formerly within the GMP module).



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Food Safety Code - System Elements Updates, cont.

- 2.6.1.3 - New element regarding product start-ups and changeovers for labeling
- 2.7 - New food fraud requirement
 - Vulnerability assessment, mitigation plan, record review required
- 2.8 Identity preserved foods moved to the SQF Quality Code
- 2.8.1 Allergen management split into several distinct elements
 - Now a mandatory element for food manufacturing
 - 2.8.1.1 Added "The allergen management program shall include the identification, management, and labelling of products containing gluten, where applicable."



Edition 8 Changes - FSCs

FSC	Change
FSC 2- Growing and Harvesting of Animal Feeds	Combined with FSC 34; eliminated
FSC 3- Growing and Production of Fresh Produce and Nuts	Added Nuts to the FSC description
FSC 4- Fresh Produce and Nuts Pack house Operations	Added Nuts to the FSC description
FSC 11- Honey Processing	Added apiculture to the FSC description
FSC 15- Canning	Added HPP to description
FSC 19- Food Ingredient Manufacture	Added dry coffee and tea to description
FSC 24- Food Retailing	Added system elements and module 15
FSC 25- Repackaging of products not manufactured on site	New FSC for assembling of whole produce and packaged products
FSC 26- Food Storage and Distribution	Single FSC for both general and produce storage
FSC- 28, 29, 30	Not in use
FSC 35- Brokers	Eliminated



Edition 8 Timeline

Action	Date
SQF Code, edition 8	March 31, 2017- posted to SQFI website
Code change documents	Available on SQFI website
Instructor-led training – SQF Quality Systems for Manufacturing	April, 2017- available through licensed SQFI training centers
Instructor-led training - Implementing SQF Systems	May, 2017- available through licensed SQFI training centers
Guidance documents for manufacturing, primary production, storage and distribution and manufacture of food packaging	July, 2017- posted to SQFI website
Release of updated SQF criteria documents (auditor, quality auditor, certification bodies, training centers, trainers)	July, 2017- posted to SQFI website
Update existing online Implementing SQF Systems for Manufacturing training course	July, 2017- available online though Alchemy Academy
New - SQF Quality Systems for Manufacturing online course	July, 2017- available online through Alchemy Academy
Implementation date for all Codes	January 2, 2018



Timeline to Implementation

Jan. 4, 2017
Post draft
Code for
public
comment.

March 31, 2017
Publish SQF
Code, edition 8.

Feb. 6, 2017
Public
comment
period ends.

January 2, 2018
Implementation of
SQF Code, edition
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Implementation

- January 2, 2018 -- full implementation of edition 8
 - Edition 8 will be fully implemented and apply to all desk audits, site certification, and re-certification audits, conducted on January 2, 2018 or later.

- If the initial certification audit commences with the desk audit prior to January 2, 2018, and the certification site audit is scheduled for on or after January 2, the desk audit shall be conducted to edition 7.2, and the site audit to edition 8, with the additional edition 8 documents audited during the site audit.

- Surveillance audits conducted on or after January 2 shall be audited against the version of the Code that the site was certified to or re-certified against.

Resources



- Documents on the SQFI website --
 - Code change documents
 - List of FAQs about edition 8
- YouTube Video --
 - Learning Lunch webinar: Introduction to SQF Code, edition 8



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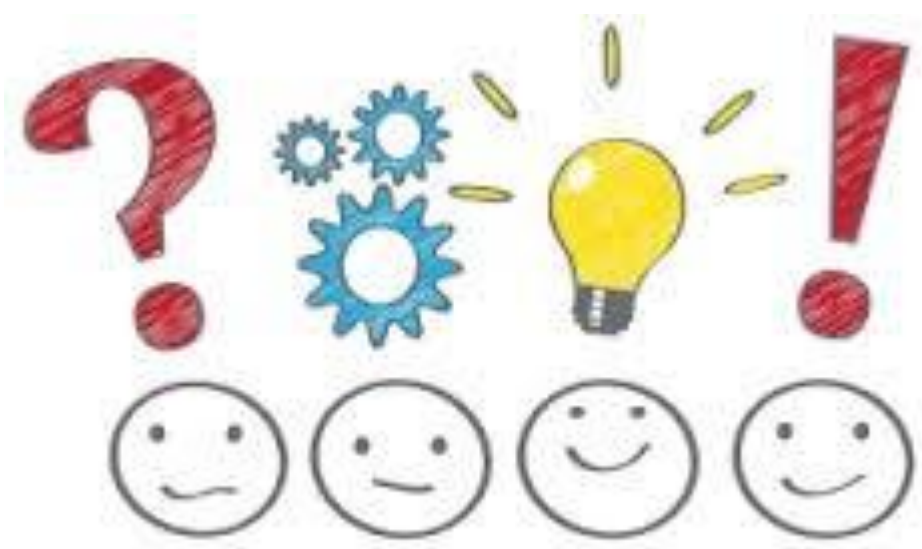


- SQF Licensed Training Centers
 - Implementing SQF Systems, edition 8
 - Edition 8 transition training
 - SQF Quality Systems for Manufacturing (select training centers)
- SQF Online Training
 - Implementing SQF Systems, edition 8
 - New – SQF Quality Systems for Manufacturing

Resources



- Relevant topics:
 - Sessions on edition 8 Code requirements
 - Change management
 - Equipment specifications
 - Food fraud
 - Allergens
 - Environmental monitoring plans
 - And more!
- Pre-conference training courses
- Networking with peers and food safety experts





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