

# **Consultancy Services**

The consultancy solutions and related professional services we offer are specifically designed to help you and your organisation manage the above, focus on risk and demonstrate compliance on demand to help you achieve and maintain excellence through continuous improvement.

Whether we like it or not, regardless of industry sector, Non-Compliance is on the increase. Organisations now face challenges from multiple sources such as Quality, Environment, IT, Health & Safety, Food Safety and Traceability not to mention their Regulatory and Corporate Governance commitments. It can be an expensive and confusing area with multiple standards to adhere to and the duplication of effort often undertaken to meet the various standards and regulations.

We tailor make the specific requirements and needs of each project. We understand that every company and every situation is unique. So we work closely with our clients to carefully define their needs, identify the best solutions, and add to internal resources and capabilities.

# **HACCP Implementation**

HACCP is the systematic preventive approach to food safety that addresses physical, chemical, and biological hazards as a means of prevention rather than finished product inspection. This approach has significant benefits to organisations operating within the food supply chain as it enables them to determine key controls over processes and concentrate resources on activities that are critical to ensuring safe food.

## Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS)

The Food Safety Management System (FSMS) development and implementation programme will help you to establish an appropriate system, bespoke to your organizational activities, that consistently produces safe food, meets all legal requirements, and protects the value of your brand and business.

A Food Safety Management System has three core components:

Support / Pre-Requisite Programs – these are the foundation stones of a HACCP based FSMS and must be adequately and effectively in place.

Formal HACCP – to introduce controls not managed by the Pre-requisite / operational support procedure and

Management System Elements – methods of measuring and monitoring compliance, efficiency and effectiveness of the system to enable review, corrective action and/or improvement.

The design, development and implementation programme for Food Safety Management System (FSMS) has 7 key stages:

- Support programme Gap Assessment
- HACCP Plan development
- Training
- Implementation on trial basis
- Trial review
- Full operational FSMS
- FSMS Audit and Review

### FSS 22000

ISO 22000 is an international standard that combines and supplements the core elements of ISO 9001 and HACCP to provide an effective framework for the development, implementation and continual improvement of a Food Safety Management System (FSMS).

ISO 22000 aligns with other management systems, such as ISO 9001 and ISO 14001, to enable effective systems

#### **Benefits**

Customer satisfaction – through delivery of products that consistently meet customer requirements including quality, safety and legality

Reduced operating costs – through continual improvement of processes and resulting operational efficiencies

Operational efficiencies – by integrating pre-requisite programs (PRP's & OPRP's), HACCP with the Plan-Do-Check-Act philosophies of ISO 9001 to increase the effectiveness of the Food Safety Management System

Improved stakeholder relationships – including staff, customers and suppliers

Legal compliance – by understanding how statutory and regulatory requirements impact the organization and its customers and testing compliance through internal audits and management reviews

Improved risk management – through greater consistency and traceability of product

Proven business credentials – through independent verification against recognized standards

Ability to win more business – particularly where procurement specifications require certification as a condition to supply

## ISO 14000

ISO 14001 is the principal management system standard which specifies the requirements for the formulation and maintenance of an EMS. There are three fundamental commitments required in an environmental policy that meets the requirements of ISO 14001. These include: prevention of pollution compliance with legislation continual improvement of the EMS These commitments help drive the improvements in overall environmental performance.

#### **Benefits**

Improved environmental performance led by top management commitment

Cost savings can be achieved through improved efficiencies in energy and water usage and through waste minimisation

Reduced risk of pollution incidents and other releases to the environment and therefore avoidance of unnecessary clean up costs and/or nforcement action by regulatory bodies

Compliance with legislation through the identification of new legislation in adequate time to address appropriate issues

Reduced risk of non-compliance with legislation and subsequent costs/prosecution

Improved brand image as customers will see an organisation that is in control of its impact on the environment

Improved business focus and communication of environmental issues Improved profitability through costs reductions and improved customer satisfaction.