

GFSI

Formed in 2000 by a small group of European retailers.

Today **GFSI (Global Food Safety Initiative)** has **OVER**

400

RETAIL COMPANIES

supporting the GFSI program worldwide

A non governmental, not for profit, privately run organization

GFSI created a benchmarking document – details the requirements for:

- What requirements must be in a food and beverage safety standard
- Auditor requirements so that they do a good job auditing
- Certification bodies hire auditors who must meet qualifications
- Accreditation bodies assess whether a CB is capable of doing an effective job

GFSI

Does **NOT** do audits, own standards or provide certification

Why did GFSI form?

Prior to 2000:

- **Food and beverage recalls were increasing**
Recalls result in illness, death, cost to healthcare and damage to retail and food and beverage company reputation.
- **Food and beverage safety standards prior to GFSI:**
 - Were not equivalent
 - Auditor competency was questionable
 - A single facility may undergo several audits a year – increasing cost of operating

Goal

of the GFSI: Once Certified, Recognized Everywhere



In order to discuss your specific food licensing and food safety certifications needed for your food or beverage, please contact us at: admin@atlanticfood.ca. We can provide a listing of food safety professionals that may help guide you for your specific business goals.



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