

Total Quality Food Certification Program Amendment Form

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Purpose : Amendment of Total Quality Food Certification Program (hereinafter referred as TQF Program) Version 2023.

Applicable to/ scopes : The accreditation body, applying/ initial application or contracted certification body, applying/ initial application or certified food factory of TQF Program.

No.	Page	Amendment Location	Amendment	Current	Details	Implementation Date
1	7	1.3.5 TQF Certification Mark	<p><u>TQF L2 certified food factories may promote their TQF L2 certification publicly but are not permitted to describe their certification in any way that indicates or implies guarantee of product safety.</u> The TQF CM can only be used on packaged products included in the scope of certification produced in food factories that have successfully met the requirements of TQF L2 certification, or off-line in reference to TQF L2 certified food factories. Suppose the TQF L2 certified food factory produces products that don't indicate the manufacturer information on the packaging. In that case, the TQF L2 certified cannot claim the product achieved TQF certification or label the TQF certification mark. The factories must first agree to the TQFA terms and conditions of use of the TQF CM and follow the requirements. The assigned certification body is responsible for confirming compliance to Annex 4 by the TQF L2 certified food factory.</p>	<p>The TQF CM can only be used on packaged products included in the scope of certification produced in food factories that have successfully met the requirements of TQF L2 certification, or off-line in reference to TQF L2 certified food factories. Suppose the TQF L2 certified food factory produces products that don't indicate the manufacturer information on the packaging. In that case, the TQF L2 certified cannot claim the product achieved TQF certification or label the TQF certification mark. The factories must first agree to the TQFA terms and conditions of use of the TQF CM and follow the requirements. The assigned certification body is responsible for confirming compliance to Annex 4 by the TQF L2 certified food factory.</p>	<p>TQF program-program management clause 1.3.5 stipulates that TQF L1 certified food factories are prohibited from describing their certification in any way that indicates or implies guarantee of product safety. While clause 1.3.3 mandates that TQF L2 certified food factories must comply to the requirements of TQF L1 certification, there is no explicit mention in TQF L2 certification regarding the indication or implication of a guarantee of product safety. Therefore, this clause may require amendment accordingly.</p>	<p>Effective immediately after publication.</p>