

**Name:**

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**Country:**

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**Company:**

Panagro Meat and Milk Integreted Facility

**Job Title:**

Meat Total Quality Manager

**Tell us a bit about you...**

I am Fatih Tunahan YILMAZ. I got my Bachelor's Degree from Firat University, Chemistry Department and my master's degree from Sutcu Imam University, Analytic Chemistry Department. I am currently working as Meat Total Quality Manager in Torku - Panagro Meat and Milk Integreted Facility. I manage all processes from raw material input control to final product analysis. I am responsible for Quality management systems (BRCGS, Halal, TS EN ISO 9001, TS EN ISO 22000) in the Meat and Meat Products Factory. I have all the quality training certificates that I manage. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family and traveling.

**Why did you join the BRCGS Professional Programme?**

I joined the BRCGS Professional programme to further my development in quality control systems and to learn about the areas that I am missing. I also wanted to refresh and improve my previous learning. I take an active role in our quality management systems and completing the BRCGS Professional programme helps to ensure that production, maintenance and quality stages can be carried out in accordance with BRCGS requirements.

**What value do you personally feel the BRCGS Professional certification brings to you?**

Thanks to the BRCGS Professional Programme, I have gained new skills and understanding around production processes, effective risk analysis, and the application of vulnerability assessment. Unlike the previous training, it was more comprehensive and educational training. In this way, my knowledge about food culture has also improved.

**How has the training helped improve operations at your site/company?**

Since completing the programme, I have developed quality management systems in my company. We made some adjustments to our quality control systems and in line with these regulations, we started to carry out quality control processes in production areas more efficiently and more appropriately. It has helped us to look at quality control processes from a different perspective. We have improved our laboratory work in raw material and end product analysis.

**What did you most enjoy about the training?**

The fluency of the BRCGS Professional Programme online training system, the fact that the training materials are more than enough, the applications made during the training, and the trainers with knowledge contributed greatly to my enjoyment in this programme.

**How do you plan to keep your skills up to date?**

I will be able to keep my own skills and knowledge up-to-date with training, online webinars, vocational and sectoral trainings available in the BRCGS Educate system. In addition, I will be able to keep my knowledge up to date with the update of the BRCGS standard and version transition training. In addition to these, I will be able to keep my information up to date with the future audits I will undertake.

**What are your career ambitions/aims?**

I want to professionally manage production, control, development and audit services in accordance with BRCGS standards in the companies I am working for now, and will work in the future. In addition, one of my biggest goals is to become a BRCGS auditor, for which I think I can develop and improve myself. I want to be one of the best auditor experts in this field.