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BRCGS FOOD SAFETY ISSUE 8 IS NOW RECOGNISED AGAINST VERSION 7.2 OF THE GFSI BENCHMARKING REQUIREMENTS

London, May 2019 – BRCGS are pleased to announce that the BRCGS Food Safety Standard Issue 8 has been added to the scope of GFSI recognition of BRCGS Standards after a successful assessment against version 7.2 of the GFSI Benchmarking Requirements.

For GFSI, continued collaboration with Certification Programme Owners as they update their Standards and processes is key to their strategic purpose of harmonisation of food safety programmes, and therefore highly appreciated. GFSI are delighted that BRCGS submitted the latest issue of their Food Safety Standard for assessment, and at the same time extended their scope of recognition to include feed.

The Standard focuses on:

- encouraging development of product safety culture
- expanding the requirements for environmental monitoring to reflect the increasing importance of this technique
- encouraging sites to further develop systems for security and food defence
- adding clarity to the requirements for high-risk, high-care and ambient high-care production risk zones
- ensuring global applicability by being benchmarked to the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI)

“We are very pleased that the BRCGS Food Safety Standard Issue 8 has once again been benchmarked by GFSI and know this will bring increased recognition for BRCGS certificated sites. The Standard is widely used throughout the world where its value in ensuring the management of product quality and safety through the supply chain is well established, and recognition should provide a further boost to the rapid growth in uptake we are seeing in many regions.”

David Brackston, Technical Director, BRCGS

Notes to Editors

About BRCGS:

BRCGS is a leading brand and consumer protection organization, used by over 28,000 suppliers in over 130 countries, with certification issued through a global network of accredited certification bodies. BRCGS' guarantee the standardization of quality, safety and operational criteria and ensure that manufacturers fulfil their legal obligations and provide protection for the end consumer. BRCGS standards are now often a fundamental requirement of leading retailers, manufacturers and food service organizations.

The BRCGS certification scheme offers comprehensive support to help new and established businesses to achieve and maintain their quality and safety aims.

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About the Global Food Safety Initiative:

The Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) brings together key actors of the food industry to collaboratively drive continuous improvement in food safety management systems around the world. With a vision of Safe food for consumers everywhere, food industry leaders created GFSI in 2000 to find collaborative solutions to collective concerns, notably to reduce food safety risks, audit duplication and costs while building trust throughout the supply chain. The GFSI community works on a volunteer basis and is composed of the world's leading food safety experts from retail, manufacturing and food service companies, as well as international organisations, governments, academia and service providers to the global food industry. GFSI is powered by The Consumer Goods Forum (CGF), a global industry network working to support Better Lives Through Better Business.

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