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Andrew is the Senior Director Quality Assurance at Loblaw Companies Limited where he heads a dedicated team responsible for supplier approval, performance management and overall safety and quality of products during innovation through a diverse global supplier network.

Loblaw Companies Limited is Canada's leading food and pharmacy retailer with a network of 2500 stores and a workforce of 200, 000 employees across different divisions.

Andrew completed his Bachelor's in Food Technology at University of Wales Institute (Cardiff) and his Master's in Food Safety Management from the University of Central Lancashire. During his career Andrew has worked in a variety of roles associated with food safety and quality management including food manufacturing, food service and retail sectors, and in food law enforcement for the UK Food Standards Agency.

In addition to his day job, Andrew is active within the wider industry having previously contributed to several GFSI technical working groups including the auditor competency working group, the Food Safety Culture group and has recently joined the GFSI US-Canada Steering Committee and is also part of the GFSI Stakeholder Advisory Forum.

Andrew is also a Fellow of the Institute of Food Science and Technology and has been an active member of the International Association for Food Protection (IAFP) for many years, presently holding the role of Chairperson for the Food Safety Assessment, Audit and Inspection, Professional Development Group.

Andrew maintains a keen and passionate interest in food safety, quality, auditing, and audit standards and has been an active contributor to the BRCGS North America Advisory Board for many years. During 2019 Andrew was awarded the BRCGS CEO Award for his work with the development of the BRCGS START! programme, which is aimed at supporting small businesses and those in developing regions raise food safety compliance levels.

In 2020 Andrew is the recipient of the IAFP Harold Barnum Industry Award which is awarded for Andrew's dedication and outstanding service to the public, IAFP and the food industry.