

**Name:**

Chithirai Selvan

**Country:**

India

**Company:**

Intersnack Cashew India Private Limited

**Job Title:**

Senior Food Safety &amp; Quality Management Executive

**About you...**

I have completed a Bachelor's degree in Food Engineering, and now have 5+ years of experience in food safety and quality assurance. My current role is Senior Food Safety & Quality Management Executive at Intersnack Cashew India Private Limited. I am responsible for the implementation of food safety requirements of GFSI recognised standards like BRCGS.

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

I joined the BRCGS Professional programme to improve my competency in auditing and to gain better knowledge in product safety management with an international recognition.

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

The BRCGS Professional certification adds value to my career path and has boosted my confidence to lead a team. Also, it has helped me to get a better understanding of food safety and quality management systems.

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

I was able to implement the requirements of the standard at our processing facility, strengthen the internal audit team and eventually got better grades in the certification audits.

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

The training was interactive with teammates, brainstorming sessions, case study discussions to get a clear picture of the real time scenarios, technical expertise / guidance from the trainer and auditor skill development tasks.

**What are you most looking forward to within the Professional community?**

Exposure and interaction with other like-minded professionals around the world for knowledge sharing, microlearning and gaining exposure towards emerging advancements in the field.

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

Through the BRCGS Professional Progress Program (PPP) and enrolling on more trainings, attending conferences, E-learning and webinars.

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

To lead my own team of technical professionals, to raise awareness about importance of food safety and quality in all areas of my industry and to be recognised as an expert in food safety and quality management systems.