

**Name:**

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**About you...**

I was born in İstanbul, Türkiye. I graduated from Uludag University, Bursa, from the Food Engineering Department in 2002. I have been working on food safety quality systems for many years. I describe myself as a talkative, energetic, solution oriented person who is always willing to learn. I am a highly motivated and progress-focused food engineer with a long-standing background in food industry.

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

I wanted to gain better knowledge of Product Safety Management and also gain international recognition. I participated in this programme in order to increase my professional qualifications, to understand the requirements of the global standard better and to be a part of such a prestigious international platform.

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

To become a part of this large global community that is working toward the same goal is very exciting. I wanted to take part in this organization where everyone speaks the same language even though their sectors are different.

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

This certification helps to build trust and a sense of security in the eyes of my employer. I was able to make many improvements in both application and documentation at many points in our factory. I believe that this situation will be reflected positively on both our product safety and our audit rating.

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

The interactive tasks, our trainers' high energy and competencies were very precious. Meeting new people from different fields and listening to their sector experiences is enjoyable for me.

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

I am looking forward to introducing with other professionals, sharing ideas on improving product safety and culture from different industries in different countries in the world.

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

I plan to participate in useful training attending conferences and events, e-Learning and webinars that mainly interest me. I will be part of it to keep my knowledge updated and refreshed.

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

To be a successful BRCGS Professional by continuously following the new improvements and requirements within GFSI approved standards worldwide.