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### **About you...**

I started in the food industry by working in the large exporter pulses facilities in Mersin. I have trained myself on Production & Quality Management & Food Safety Systems for nearly 5 years. While I was working, I continued my education life with distance education. I completed the Food Technology, Occupational Health and Safety, Business Administration Programs of the universities.

After 5 years of experience in the pulses industry, I started working on BRCGS systems in the dried fruit industry. In this process, I enjoyed educating myself about the sector and standards. After working in the dried fruit sector for 5 years, I established my own consultancy firm. Our company, which has been active for 3 years, provides active consultancy and audits in the sector where products such as Dry Food (Pulses & Cereals & Grain), Nuts, Flour, Bread, Brine, Confectionery, Fruit Juice, Spices, Jam etc.

In this process, we created a supplier pool from successful producers in Food Safety and established our 2nd Company, which works actively on export & sales. While our Food Safety, Quality Management, Social Compliance, Halal, Kosher, Business Development, Consultancy and Audit services continue in one of our companies; In our other company, we actively continue the purchase and sale practices of the products produced under the best conditions & standards, supplier audits, and process audits of the products purchased by our customers.

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

I participated in order to better educate myself on standards and to work more accurately.

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

I enjoy belonging to a larger community of Professionals

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

It enabled us to create more detailed and useful systems and to further specialize our entire team at this point.

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

The instructor's knowledge of the Standard ensures that each subject is fully understood with exercises during the training.

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

Network events, exposure to other likeminded Professionals, exclusive perks such as Microlearning.

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

Through the PPP system including activities such as enrolling on more training, mentoring, attending conferences and events, E-Learning and webinars, third party industry qualifications such as a University Degree.

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

Developing myself and my team in the best way about standards, keeping customer satisfaction at the highest level by making more accurate applications in our consultancy and export offices.