



Safe Quality Foods Certification

Safe Quality Food (SQF) is a leading, global food safety and quality certification and management system that provides independent certification that a product, process or service complies with international, regulatory and other specific standards. It enables a food supplier to give assurances that food has been produced, prepared and handled according to the highest possible standards.

The SQF Program is endorsed by the Food Marketing Institute, the world's leading association representing the food retail and wholesale industry, and by the Global Food Safety Initiative, an international consortium of retailer CEOs, representing more than 70 percent of retail food sales worldwide. SQF certification is supported by an increasing number of U.S. and international retailers and foodservice providers, many of whom are expressing a preference for SQF-certified suppliers.

The SQF Program is part of a recent landmark agreement on mutual acceptance of global food safety systems, in which seven global retailers- Ahold, Carrefour, Delhaize, Metro, Migros, Tesco, and Wal-Mart- will recognize SQF-certified suppliers as meeting their safety and quality requirements.

A company can reach three levels of certification:

1. **Level 1:** Food Safety Fundamentals
 - Suppliers must establish prerequisite programs incorporating fundamental food safety controls essential to providing a sound foundation for the production and manufacture of safe food. (Low risk products)

2. **Level 2:** Certified HACCP Food Safety Plans
 - In addition to Level 1 requirements, suppliers must complete and document a food safety risk assessment of the product and process using the HACCP method, and an action plan to eliminate, prevent or reduce food safety hazards. (Minimum level for high risk products)

3. **Level 3:** Comprehensive Quality Management Systems Development
 - Suppliers are required to complete and document a food quality assessment of the product and its associated process to identify the controls needed to ensure a consistent level of quality. Level 1 and 2 are prerequisites.

SQF Certification Details

Knouse Foods Co-op, Inc. – Chambersburg

Address: 421 East Grant Street, Chambersburg, PA, United States

Certification: SQF2000-Level 3 (Expires 20-Jul-2010)

Products: 14. Fruit and Vegetable Processing = applesauce

16. Ice, Drink, Beverage Processing = fruit juice

Knouse Foods Co-op, Inc. 800 Peach Glen Road-Idaville Rd. Peach Glen, PA 17375



Knouse Foods Co-op, Inc. – Gardners

Address: Gardners Station Road, Gardners, PA, United States

Certification: SQF2000-Level 3 (Expires 6-Oct-2010)

Products: 14. Fruit and Vegetable Processing = applesauce

15. Canning, Pasteurizing, UHT and Aseptic Operations =aseptic fruit juice; canned sauces

16. Ice, Drink, Beverage Processing = fruit juice

Knouse Foods Co-op, Inc. – Orrtanna

Address: 1505 Orrtanna Road, Orrtanna, PA, United States

Certification: SQF2000-Level 3 (Expires 27-May-2011)

Products: 16. Ice, Drink, Beverage Processing = fruit juice

15. Canning, Pasteurizing, UHT and Aseptic Operations =aseptic fruit juice; fruit puree

Knouse Foods Co-op, Inc. – Paw Paw

Address: 815 South Kalamazoo Street, Paw Paw, MI, United States

Certification: SQF2000-Level 3 (Expires 23-Dec-2010)

Products: 15. Canning, Pasteurizing, UHT and Aseptic Operations =canned sauces

16. Ice, Drink, Beverage Processing = tea

Knouse Foods Co-op, Inc. – Peach Glen

Address: 800 Peach Glenn – Idaville Road, Peach Glen, PA, United States

Certification: SQF2000-Level 3 (Expires 12-Dec-2010)

Products: 15. Canning, Pasteurizing, UHT and Aseptic Operations =aseptic fruit juice

16. Ice, Drink, Beverage Processing = fruit juice; tea

19. Food Ingredient Manufacture = vinegar



Knouse Foods Co-op, Inc. – Biglerville

Address: 53 East Hanover Street, Biglerville, PA, United States

Certification: SQF2000-Level 3 (Expires 30-Aug-2011)

Products: 16. Ice, Drink, Beverage Processing = fruit juice, tea

19. Food Ingredient Manufacture = vinegar

15. Canning, Pasteurizing, UHT and Aseptic Operations = fruit puree, canned fruit