

The Four Amendments to SQF Code Edition 9

SQFI introduced four code amendments for October 2021 implementation. They cover medical screenings, approved supplier programs, multi-site programs, and the application of agricultural chemicals.

1 Medical Screenings

Requires a medical screening procedure for all employees, visitors, and contractors who handle exposed product or food contact surfaces. Outlines the necessary course of action in the event of symptoms or illness.



2 Approved Supplier

New procedures for both approved and emergency suppliers in primary sectors except Storage & Distribution. Procurement in emergency situations must still meet specified requirements. Even emergency suppliers require registration & evaluation.



3 Multisite

Sub-sites within an SQF Multi-site program can only operate in one or more select industry sectors. They include primary food sector categories 1-5 and storage & distribution category 26.



4 Application of Agricultural Chemicals

Includes rules for both people who apply agricultural chemicals and those making decisions about chemical applications.

