



Allergens and related labelling issues are consistently the number one or number two cause of food recalls in the US, Canada, UK and Australia. RQA works with our clients to provide a comprehensive, confidential and independent assessment of allergen controls to help prevent these potentially dangerous and costly recall incidents.

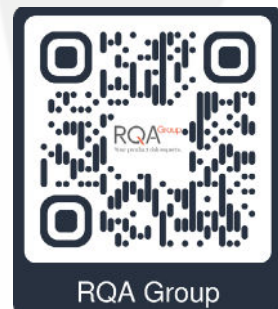
The visit is undertaken by a specialist RQA food safety consultant who will identify relevant risks and provide feedback on solutions and prevention. It is intended as a constructive and positive opportunity for further strengthening allergen management.

The RQA consultant thoroughly assesses the risks of allergen cross contamination, contaminated ingredients and labelling issues, throughout your food manufacturing or processing facility. We review procedures, records and the production process from goods in to product out. The report identifies risks and proposed actions to assist with your allergen management. The exact scope of what is covered in the assessment can be customised to meet specific client requirements.

**The assessment typically includes over 100 specific potential risk items to determine the robustness of allergen management on the site. It covers the following broad risk areas:**

- Risk assessments (suppliers, ingredients, process, HACCP, VACCP, GMP)
- People (training, policies, visitors, contractors, maintenance, hygiene)
- Supply Chain (ingredients, suppliers, changes, transport, agricultural contamination, counterfeit certificates)
- Manufacturing and factory design (dedicated areas, barriers, scheduling, airflow, changeover, trials, rework, waste)
- Cleaning (validated, verified, records, CIP)
- Product Design (restriction on allergen usage, approvals, trials, export countries)
- Packaging and Labelling (verified, checked, fully assessed, incorrect pack risk {Never Events}, unused labels/packaging, export products)
- Traceability (records, rework, batches)
- Storage and warehousing (cross contamination, other products)
- Allergen analysis (methods, on site, matrix, contact, what tested)

Depending upon site size, complexity and scope this is typically a 2 day visit. A report is provided following the visit identifying potential risks, severity of risks and with recommendations for improvements. Click the contact us button below to request more info.



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