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Addressed to: Prospects and Clients evaluated under the "Global Markets Program.

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Implementation of the Food Supplier Development Program

Dear Customer:

We want to send you our warmest regards and inform you of an essential change in our evaluation services. We want to tell you that, as of today, we will no longer be able to offer assessments under the name "Global Markets Program." This specific name is a registered trademark and a self-assessment tool for companies and should not form the basis of any food safety audit. GFSI created this tool to develop management systems and eventually achieve certification. In this context, all our clients currently assessed in the "Global Markets Program" will be automatically transitioned to the new "Food Supplier Development Program."

The "Food Supplier Development Program" is a conformity assessment program developed by Global Standards, focused on the development of SMEs. It allows organizations to provide safe food based on the principles of the Codex Alimentarius, national standards, and compliance-oriented requirements of a system recognized by GFSI as food defense and fraud. This change ensures continuity in evaluating processes and systems and reinforces our commitment to service quality.

This change will not impact the evaluation times for levels 1 and 2 or the costs of our services.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this transition process.

If you have any questions or need more information about this change, please do not hesitate to contact our team at ventas@globalstd.com and staff_inocuidad@globalstd.com.

Certification Committee

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