

Press release No.68

Addressed to: Customers certified in the SQF Version 9 scheme

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Applicable Update to the Scope Statement in SQF Certification Documents

Dear Customer:

We issue this to inform you about a session held by the SQF institute for all certification bodies. We request an update to the scope statement in the certification documents, considering placing Products, Food Sector Category, and Scope of Certification.

We share examples of scope statements that the SQF Institute has provided:

EXAMPLE 1

Products: Pecans.

Food Sector Category: 14. Fruit, Vegetable and Nut, and Fruit Juice Processing.

Scope of certification: Receipt of ingredients, storage, processing, packaging, and distribution of nut products.

EXAMPLE 2

Products: Melon, honeydew melon, sauces and marinades.

Food sector category: 14. Processing fruits, vegetables, nuts, and fruit juices. 18. Canned food manufacturing.

Scope of certification: Receipt of ingredients, storage, washing, sorting, cutting, processing, packaging, and distribution of fruit and preparation, processing, filling, packaging, and distribution of canned food.

Global Standards, in response to the SQF Institute's request, has determined that as of November 1, 2024, any quotation and/or certificate issuance will apply the new scope statement format, which is in compliance with the SQF code in its Version 9 in part A of step 3. With this measure, it is considered that by November 1, 2025, all certifications issued by Global Standards in the SQF code will be aligned to the Institute's request.

It is essential to remind our clients that the scope of certification can NOT be changed during or immediately after a certification or recertification audit; this can only be done until a new registration is made before applying for a Certification or Recertification audit event.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or clarification at the following e-mail addresses: staff_inocuidad@globalstd.com and comite@globalstd.com

We thank you in advance for your attention.

Best regards,

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