

HEALTH

# Food Inspection & Certification



# Introduction

Small to medium sized companies and businesses have historically faced a challenge when it comes to being able to trade regionally and globally.

These challenges have been made worse by the fact that the attainment of the necessary Standards to enable trade on a global platform has become a highly involved and intricate process which requires structured divisions within the companies to oversee the processes not mentioning the costs involved.

Small to medium sized companies rarely have the luxury of employing qualified personnel to enable the organization to attain the required standards and end up delegating this function to personnel that already have other important functions within the organization.

Not only has this resulted in the unnecessary wastage of time and resources as these persons seek the required knowledge and materials for implementation of the required systems, but these organizations have inadvertently found themselves on an endless "merry go round" as there is no clear direction of how the process should take shape.

The Accreditation Institute hereafter (TAI) aims to fill this gap by providing expert and progressive consultancy services to these organizations to ensure the attainment of the relevant Standards within the desired timeframes. TAI aims to ensure an "involved" process that engages the employees of the organization to ensure that the employees take ownership of the systems and standards that have been attained.

# Food Safety Division

The Food Industry in South Africa is an industry worth over a billion rand that is continuously growing and evolving. Food Safety is a major concern in the industry locally, regionally and globally and all businesses related to the food industry will need to protect themselves from the adverse publicity and negative economic growth that can arise if Food Safety is found to be lacking.

The Accreditation Institute (T.A.I) Food Safety Division is primarily a food safety standards implementation service geared at assurance to the industry that the organizations are meeting the requirements for food safety as per the prescribed law R918 amended to R962:2012 and the voluntary regulatory standards. TAI goes further to equip small to medium sized food businesses with the necessary knowledge for certification to standards that enable the organizations to trade nationally, regionally and internationally.



- Consultancy services for the implementation and maintenance of Standards
- Food Safety inspection services
- Pest proofing inspections
- Food Safety training services







# Food Safety training services

- Basic food safety awareness based on SANS 10049 (GMP)
- HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point) system awareness
- FSSC 22000:2010 Food Safety System Certification awareness
- ISO 22000:2005 Food Safety Management Systems awareness
- ISO /TS 22002-1:2009 Standard for Prerequisite programs awareness
- PAS 223 Pre-requisite programs for the food packaging industry awareness
- PAS 222 Pre-requisite programs for the feed industry awareness
- BRC Global Standard for Consumer Goods, Issue 3
- BRC Global Standard for Food Safety, Issue 6
- BRC/IoP Global Standard for Packaging
- BRC Global Standard for Storage and Distribution

# **Quality Division**

# **66** Getting it right, the first time, every time.

This phrase is famously quoted in quality circles. This should be the operating motto of any organization that aims to lead where quality is concerned.

Indeed, within TAI that is our operating motto. This principle ensures that adequate planning takes place before the implementation of each and every strategy no matter how small. It allows our organization to ensure that the right resources are procured at the right time and deployed where they are needed in the correct quantities, saving us and our clients costs and time on unnecessary activities.

Quality has become a "buzz word" in business today, and each and every organization would like to assure its customers that the products and services that they acquire are of the "best" quality available.

To be able to do this, being certified against a quality standard helps customers to develop the confidence and trust required for products and services acquired from any organization.

# The Quality Schemes that TAI implements and maintains in organizations are:

- ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management Systems
- BRC Global Standard for Consumer Goods, Issue 3

TAI will provide the training, guidance and direction required by these organizations to reach quality goals within the desired timeframes.



# Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) division

Occupational injuries can lead to loss of income, not only for the injured employee but in the form of hefty fines for the organization involved as a result of legal liability. The time lost due to injuries also translates to lost profits which need to be minimized.

It is therefore of paramount importance that an environment conducive for the execution of duties by employees is provided and maintained. This should be a work environment that is safe and free of any harm to employees.

The Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Division of TAI aims to equip business owners and their employees with the knowledge that they need to be able to identify and control potential hazards before they give rise to incidents.

# TAI will provide the following:

- OHS and legal compliance inspection services
- Basic OHS training based on the Occupational Health and Safety Act 85 of 1993
- · Legal Liability training First Aid training
- Firefighting training
- Occupational health and safety assessment series awareness training (OSHAS 18001:2007)
- Consultancy services in the implementation and maintenance of OSHAS 18001:2007

# **Environmental Management Division**

# 66 How green are you?

This is the question that has begun to be poised tobusiness as everyone is on a drive to conserve the environment and reduce their carbon footprint.

Organizations that show a commitment to conserving the environment have become favorable trading partners especially with international organizations which take this particular drive very seriously.

TAI will be very interested in generating awareness with regards to environmental law in general. We will provide the following services:

# Environmental Impact Assessments

This is a general assessment of the business and how its operations impact the environment i.e. through emissions, effluent, noise etc. We will then be in a position to advise the organization on how to go about reducing the impact so that regional or international regulations are not violated.

### What we cover:

- Environmental Management Systems ISO 14001:2009 awareness training
- Environmental Management Systems implementation and maintenance



# **About TAI**

### Vision Statement

TAI aims to become a global leader in the facilitation of the attainment of Certification for the required ISO/BRC/National Standards to enable food companies to trade regionally and globally. To establish a credible reputation with small to medium sized enterprises while in partnership with established organizations from all sectors of the Food Industry.

### Mission Statement

We aim to be the preferred service provider in assisting organizations to attainthe necessary Certification for ISO/BRC/National Standards. With our in depth training and "getting you ready" programs, we aim to equip all organizations with whom we deal with the skills required for the retention and maintenance of acquired Certification.

# Goals and Objectives

- Assist organizations to prepare for and get Certification against thedesired Standards within the shortest time period possible.
- Become a leading Supplier Development Agency within the next 5 years
- Provide training in the maintenance of the different Standards and become a leading service provider in this regard.
- Carry out Certification maintenance/ surveillance audits for organizations wishing to maintain their Certification.

Constantly striving for excellence"

## Our Market

- Small to medium sized food manufacturing companies in general.
- Food industry supporting industries e.g. pack aging and cleaning chemicals manufacturers
- Retail food chain suppliers
- Restaurants and food outlets

The Accreditation Institute (T.A.I) is a consultancy that is poised to grow from strength to strength with the next 5 years. In the short term, the TAI is set to achieve a loyal following among its existing customers while attracting new customers.

Long term growth plans for the organization are vast. A training division also forms part of growth plans of the organization where training courses will be offered in virtually all the sectors serviced by the organization.

The Accreditation Institute (T.A.I) will be able to compete formidably based on the caliber of employees partnering with the organization and the superiority of knowledge, qualifications and experience that each and every member of the organization brings. Concentration on service excellence for our clients that is linked with the organizational values of Honesty, Commitment, Integrity, Hard work, Going the extra mile, Thirst for new knowledge will establish our reputation as a credible organization that puts its clients first.

As the founder and director of the organization, the experience that I have gained as an internationally accredited Food Safety Auditor, Food Safety Trainer and Quality Trainer together with my qualifications as a Food Technologist will come food outlets

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