

Transition Information

SQF Food Safety Codes Edition 9



Certified to SQF Edition 8.1?

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO PREPARE FOR MY NEXT AUDIT?

- Obtain a copy of SQF V9 scheme documents <https://www.sqfi.com/resource-center/sqf-code-edition-9-downloads/>
- Undertake a gap analysis to help identify the gaps in your current certification in order to address and meet any new requirements
- Ensure that any new competence needs are met and create awareness for all parties that have an impact on the effectiveness of the SQF V9 audit
- Update the existing Food Safety Management System to meet the new requirements and provide verification of effectiveness through your internal audit program

WHAT IS THE TRANSITION PERIOD?

- All audits from May 24, 2021 will be to V9
- Your SQF Edition 8.1 certification will be still valid after that date, but your next recertification audit after that date will be mandatory against the SQF V9.

WHEN CAN I TRANSITION TO SQF V9?

- You must transition during your next SQF scheduled recertification audit from May 24, 2021
- Sites that scored a C grade in their v8.1 recertification before May 24, 2021 audit will have surveillance audits to v8.1

WILL SQF V9 AUDIT DURATIONS INCREASE?

- Some sites may need an increase in recertification audit duration to 2 days on site audit time due to new minimum audit times specified in SQF v 9 based on GFSI requirement

WILL THE DATES ON MY CERTIFICATE CHANGE?

- No - your certification dates will remain the same

WILL MY CERTIFICATE NUMBER CHANGE?

- No - your certificate number will remain the same