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Sydney Australia – RABQSA International (RABQSA) and the Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) today signed a contract for the development and implementation of a National Food Safety Auditor Certification Framework based on the protocols of ISO/IEC 17024:2003.

This initiative shall go towards ensuring Australian food regulatory enforcement agencies and industry, have a national resource of competent food safety auditors that comply with an internationally recognised standard.

In a recent release, DAFF stated “This project progresses towards ensuring a more nationally consistent approach to food safety auditing in Australia, and will enhance Australia’s food safety auditing infrastructure.”

This is an exciting and progressive step for RABQSA International as government and industry stakeholders instil their confidence the accredited personnel certification to ISO/IEC 17024:2003, but also in the added value and relevance of identifiable and measurable competent resources within the business.

For further information regarding the National Food Safety Certification Framework, please contact Ms. Toni McHenry on tmchenry@rabqsa.com or +61 2 4728 4608.

RABQSA International, a non-profit (not-for-profit) organisation, is one of the world's leading certification organisations for the provision of accredited personnel and training certification, and professional development services. A wide variety of businesses employ our certified persons for the purposes of improving business performance.