

RABQSA launches the Australian Pork Industry Quality Assurance (APIQ) Auditor Certification Scheme

Sydney, Australia: RABQSA International, Inc (RABQSA) is officially launching the Australian Pork Industry Quality Assurance (APIQ) Auditor Certification Scheme, developed in liaison with industry and Australian Pork Limited.

"Australian Pork Limited (APL) is leading the way in using the National Food Safety Auditor Certification Scheme (NFSA) for our Australian Pork Industry Quality Assurance scheme", remarked APL CEO, Andrew Spencer. "APIQ assures product safety and quality by covering all on-farm aspects of food safety, biosecurity, animal welfare and husbandry".

The APIQ Scheme has been developed as a scope of certification under the National Food Safety Auditor (NFSA) scheme to provide confidence to Australian Pork Ltd and its customers that RABQSA certified auditors undertaking management system audits referencing APIQ Requirements have the appropriate competencies to ensure that all requirements are being achieved.

"The APIQ scheme is another example of government and industry joining ranks to offer an accredited, certified professional, focused on adding value to industry and raising the bar for Australian products here and abroad", responded Peter Holtmann, Director Business Development and Marketing, RABQSA.

The APIQ scheme, as a scope of the NFSA scheme, requires the auditor to be certified as an NFSA Auditor before applying for the scope of APIQ Auditor. NFSA is an initiative of the Australian Government through the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and managed by RABQSA.

"APL sees significant benefit in using the NFSA scheme to increase efficiencies and reduce on-farm audit costs for pig producers. By working with other food producing industries pig industry auditors will be learning and developing together to create the best possible outcome for quality assured Australian products," Stated Andrew Spencer. "NFSA will also allow cross audits to be conducted, this means auditors become multi-skilled and can perform audits for other medium risk food businesses."

Further details on the Australian Pork Industry Quality Assurance Auditor Certification Scheme are available on the RABQSA website at www.rabqsa.com

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