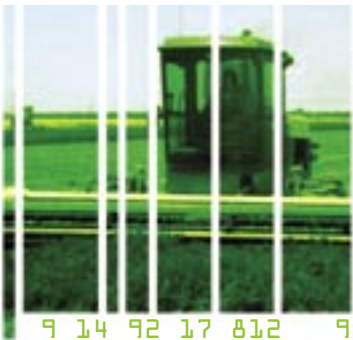




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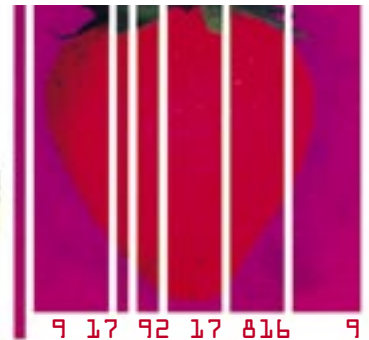
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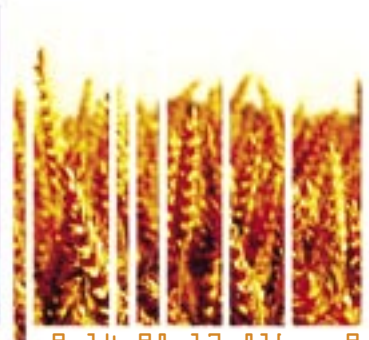
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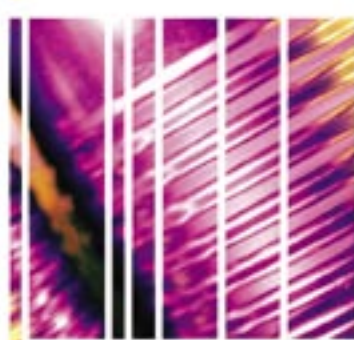
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THE NATIONAL FOOD SAFETY AUDITOR CERTIFICATION SCHEME

■ The National Food Safety Auditor Certification Scheme (NFSA) is the result of more than two years work involving the Australian Government, Primary Producers, Food Processors, Retailers, System Owners and Certification Bodies.

Improved confidence and national consistency, in food safety auditor competency and audit outcomes, will contribute to reducing audit duplication and compliance costs.

The NFSA Scheme Committee identified the necessary criteria to determine the required competency of NFSA auditors. The criteria include the requirement for the candidate to demonstrate specific knowledge, skill, personal attributes and qualifications.

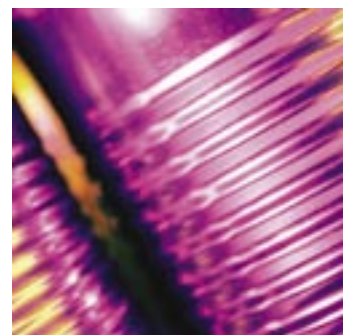
The Scheme Committee also reviewed the diversity and scope of the food industry in Australia and

aligned food safety auditor certification levels according to food safety risk rather than industry sector scopes.

The risk-based approach to auditor levels provides clear advice to system owners in selecting the auditors and also enables certified auditors to audit across a broad range of industries.

Directed by the Scheme Committee, RABQSA International designed the NFSA Scheme in compliance with ISO/IEC 17024:2003, the international standard for personnel certification.

The culmination of this work is a certification scheme built and backed by industry; delivering high calibre food safety auditors to support the whole supply chain; and recognised nationally and overseas.



>> ACCESSING THE NFSA SCHEME AND THE CRITERIA <<

Information about the scheme, the criteria documents and the application process are available online at www.rabqsa.com.



Australian Government
**Department of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Forestry**

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) headed the initiative to develop a single, national certification scheme that:

- encompasses first, second and third party auditors;
- is based on auditor competency and food safety risk;
- applies throughout the supply chain and across commercial and regulatory boundaries; and
- provides objectivity, rigour and national alignment to Australia's auditing infrastructure auditor

THE NFSA CRITERIA DOCUMENTATION

■ With the innovation in food safety auditor competencies, comes a new criteria document; the second generation or 2G document.

The 2G NFSA document is designed to allow the applicants to easily navigate their way through the certification criteria.



The document is designed in three parts:

1. An introduction describing how to use the criteria, including a guidance section with examples, to assist the applicant through the choice of auditor level.
2. Colour coded auditor levels, with navigation bars, "GO TO" instructions and page references through the application process, all condensed into 4 pages for each level.
3. Fee schedule, administration details and the application are located in the rear of criteria.

RABQSA is accredited by the Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand (JAS-ANZ) as meeting the requirements of the international standard for personnel certification bodies, ISO/IEC 17024:2003 'General requirements for bodies operating the certification of persons'.

Application has been submitted to JAS-ANZ to include this scheme under RABQSA's scope of accreditation.

APPLICATIONS CAN BE COMPLETED:

- **on line** at www.rabqsa.com/apply.shtml ; or
- **a hard copy** can be completed and faxed to RABQSA on +612 4731 6466; or
- **mailed to:**
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