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Food Safety: An Integral Part in QA / QC

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The Corner Stone of a Successful Quality Program

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When Considering any Quality Aspect in the tourism industry, the first idea that comes to one's mind is the quality and safety in the hospitality sector; one of the cornerstones of tourism.

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This makes Food Safety an essential component when assessing the available instruments of quality assurance in our region.

Lebanon	Food Safety Law pending parliament vote since 2005 main deficiency in current regulations is the tri-partite of authority and regulation (MOH, MOT, Municipality)
UAE	Food Safety Regulations highly observed and municipalities enjoy a large margin of independence and initiative
KSA	Initiatives are being taken in major cities like Riyadh and Jeddah in cooperation with the local municipalities, chambers of commerce and ministries to update and upgrade their food safety standards and empower inspectors
Qatar	Ministry of Interior and Municipalities took a single initiative in 2006 that was not pursued; however multinational companies are enforcing quality requirements on their operations and suppliers.

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ROLE OF GOVERNMENTS

- Study International trends and affiliate with research centers
- Present laws and regulations prepared by knowledgeable, up to date experts
- Work with the private sector to assess the impact of laws and regulations
- Enforce Laws through expert inspectorate with centralized **authority**

ROLE OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

- Abide by the current laws and understand that the law will help them improve
- Fight Corruption through professionalism and "courage"
- Be progressive through exposure, observing trends & active initiatives (associations, trade groups, guilds, etc.)
- Invest in the development of their business and their people relentlessly

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To Simplify how a Food Safety process can be completed, this process involves 3 stages:

- Food Hygiene Training
- Food Safety Consulting
- Food Safety Tools

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FOOD HYGIENE TRAINING

GOVERNMENT LEVEL

- Train Inspectors, H.O.Ds, Laboratory Technicians
- Attend & Organize conferences to encourage knowledge transfer

PRIVATE SECTOR

- Train all food handlers, supervisors and managers
- Encourage training culture as part of the quality culture in the business

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FOOD HYGIENE TRAINING

TRAINING COURSES COVER:

- Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Food Hygiene Training
- HACCP Induction and HACCP Implementation Training
- ISO22000 Implementation Training
- Building a Health Inspector Training (For Governments)

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CONSULTING

CONSULTING SERVICES ARE USUALLY ADDRESSED TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR, BUT SOME GOVERNMENTS REQUIRE CONSULTING WHEN BUILDING OR ADJUSTING A REGULATION OR ADOPTING A NEW TECHNOLOGY.

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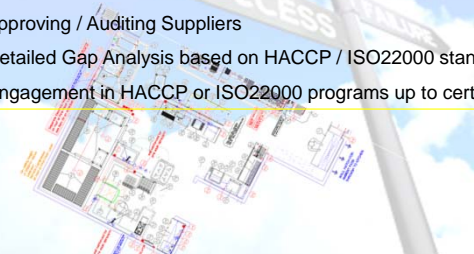
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CONSULTING

CONSULTING COVERS

- Assistance in pre-opening or remodeling kitchen design
- Simple Kitchen Inspections with hygiene recommendations
- Approving / Auditing Suppliers
- Detailed Gap Analysis based on HACCP / ISO22000 standards
- Engagement in HACCP or ISO22000 programs up to certification



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Gap Report



Pre-requisites Phase (GMP, GCP)

HACCP Implementation







Internal Audit

External Audit

ISO22000 Implementation

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Training and Consulting cannot be achieved if they are not supported by the right tools; whether a health inspector or a chef, the right tools are essential for a successful food safety process





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Essential Tools include:

DIGITAL EQUIPMENT



- Pocket Thermometers
- Data Loggers
- Thermo-hygrometers
- pH meters
- Digital Trackers



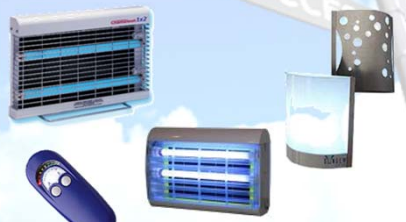
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Essential Tools include:

ADVANCED PEST MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS



- FDA recommended
- Licensed Pest Control
- Decorative Solutions
- Trend Analysis ability
- HACCP approved





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Essential Tools include:


COLOR CODED TOOLS

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Quality is a journey; it is the result of continuous filtration of trials, errors, success stories and unfortunate failures ... Only the determination and commitment to quality remains an essential requirement to achieve success.



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Leaving you with a last though from Lebanon's beacon of philosophy ...



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“Advance, and never halt, for advancing is perfection.”

Kahlil Gebran

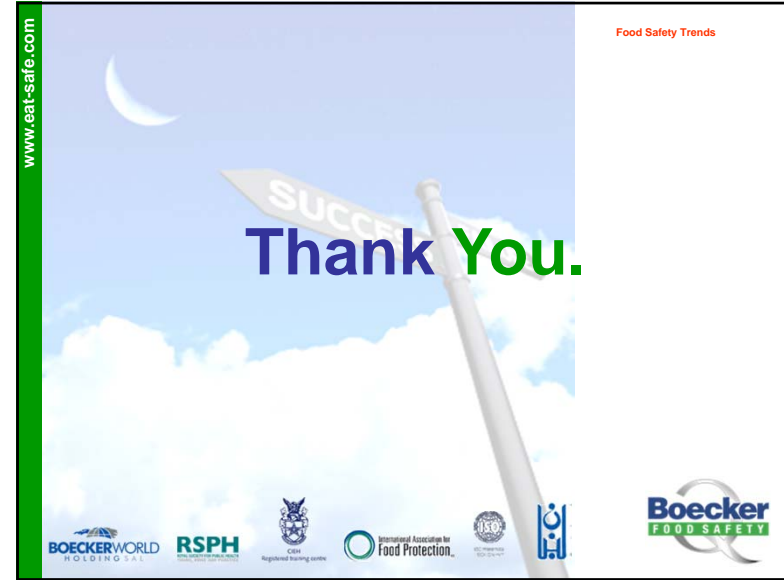


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