

Food Safety & Health

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Dear Produce Supplier:

At Walmart, our commitment to our customers is unparalleled and we strive relentlessly to provide safe, quality foods in our Stores and Clubs. As part of our commitment to continuous improvement, we go further than many U.S. retailers in requiring that harmonized, leading-edge food safety standards be adopted throughout the entire food production system. Below is an overview of these standards and expectations which impact our produce suppliers worldwide.

Alignment with GFSI

In December 2007, Walmart and Sam's Club became the first U.S. retailer to require our Private Brand suppliers to achieve prevention-based certification against one of the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) internationally recognized food safety standards. As we transition beyond our Private Brands and enhance the requirements for other food groups, including produce, we are introducing updated Food Safety requirements to align our other programs to our commitment with GFSI.

As such, we have standardized our food safety requirements for all produce suppliers. The audits you will be required to complete are based on the commodities you provide to our Stores and Clubs and **MUST** cover ALL growing and packhouse operations that are used to provide product to us. Final audit results must be submitted to Walmart. If you are a broker or distributor or you source or pack product from multiple locations, your distribution or warehouse facility and every location that you source from to provide produce to our stores or clubs must be disclosed and meet the same audit and disclosure requirements.

iCiX

In addition, Walmart has partnered with iCiX (International Compliance Information Exchange) in order to implement an effective and efficient way to manage our Food Safety, Compliance and Quality Assurance programs. All food safety certification, audit and compliance documentation as well as all other required documents will be shared with Walmart through this system.

Walmart is committed to this system and participation by our produce suppliers is **Mandatory**. Every corporate location, broker/distributor and packhouse (cold storage for field pack items) facility with its own physical address used to provide product to our Stores or Clubs should be registered in the iCiX system individually. Once registered in iCiX, or if your operations are already registered, please upload a copy of your current GFSI certificate or final audit report (for non-GFSI benchmarked audits) and corrective action report into the iCiX system and grant viewer access rights to Walmart - Global Food.

If you do not currently meet our updated food safety audit requirements, upload a copy of your current pack house or cold storage food safety audit report and the associated corrective action report and grant viewer access rights to Walmart – Global Food. When you conduct your renewal audits in alignment with our enhanced requirements these should be uploaded in the facilities site. Field and ranch GAP audits should be uploaded into the site for the packhouse/cold storage operation they support.



Attached with this letter is a document that provides information on the iCiX registration process and clearly outlines the updated audit requirements along with the timeline you will have to comply with these standards. You are free to choose any audit noted in the document you feel best fits your business model.

Walmart would like thank you for working with us towards a common goal of *providing safe and affordable food, so people can live better.*

Sincerely,

Walmart Food Safety & Health