

## **Food Safety Assessment, Inspection, and Audit PDG**

**Attendees:** Tracie Sheehan (Chair), Jennifer Lott (Vice Chair), Casey Showman, Tim Gillam, Vijay Krishna, Joseph Meyer, Jacqueline Southee, Abebe Aberra, Todd Napolitano, Kim Bingham, Steve Taylor, Andrew Clarke, Joe Baumert, Lindsey Bowen, Nikkie Vazquez, Thomas (Tom) Black, Yves Oukouomi-Lowe, Karina Martino, Samantha Shinbaum, Jignesh Rasania, Philip Steinbrunner, Jeannie Kim, Brian Kellerman, Bertrand Emond, Kristina Sweet, Carmen Cano, Aaron Aboud, Rocelle Grabarek, Shahram Ajamian, Kate Nicholas, Daniel Bair, Nic Sharman, Heather McLemore, Brian Perry, Lauren DiMenna, Riya Magiya, Tracey David, Joelle Williams, Gale Prince, Cheryce Joyner, Katie Stolte-Carroll, Chloe McGovern, Wendy Bigala, Tatiana Lorca, Jean Edsall, Brian Ramsaur, Lauren Hamilton, Makena Brand, Partesha Verge, Franciel Ikeji, Lang Yao, Taozhu Sun, Sandy Sim, Kate Meck.

**Board Present:** Ruth Petran, Mark Carter.

**Number of Attendees:** 56.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time, Sunday, July 31, 2022.

**Old Business:** No outstanding old business from the previous meeting on June 15, 2021.

**New Business:** Reference to the Antitrust statement, attendees reminded and encouraged to review the statement.

Various submissions made by PDG for the 2022, the PDG is a primary sponsor for:

An overview of the Student PDG was provided by Aaron Dudley, Ph.D. Student in Food Safety, and Processing, Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University. Aaron shared the three main Student PDG activities, Meet your favorite foods scientist, 3-minute thesis completion (3MT), and Proposal submissions for IAFFP Annual Meeting; he encouraged the group to become more involved with the Student PDG by sharing our career stories, judging 3MT, or reviewing submissions, as they represent our future PDG members.

Tracy provides an overview of the IAAR Auditing Apprenticeship. There are currently six participating CBs. More information is available at <https://iaar.org/MSA/>

Tracy provided an update to GFSI Initiative Race to the Top (RTTT)

Feature 1: Developing harmonization and benchmarking requirements for providers of food safety and auditor training and on-going continuing professional development (CPD). **Update:** GFSI finalized and published the Professional Registration Body (PRB) benchmarking requirements. You can access the PRB Benchmarking Requirements online at <https://mygfsi.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Response-Consultation-Transitional-Arrangements-ATPD.pdf>. SQF, BRC, FSSC and Exemplar Global are participating in the pilot process with the goal to understand the implementation process and propose changes.

Feature 2: Requirements for CPOs.

Feature 3: Developing a collaborative approach to the management of CBs between CPOs, ABs and GFSI. **Update:** KPIs have been established by the IAF Food Working Group. KPIs evaluate the audit process against the CPO requirements.

Feature 4: Feature 4: Developing a certificate platform- enabling access to certificate data of all FBOs certified to a GFSI-recognized program. **Update December 2021** – The GFSI announced that it has signed an agreement with [Webnet](#) for the development of its proprietary certificate platform – a live, online repository of all certificates issued against GFSI-recognized Certification Programmes, available to anybody who needs to verify the validity of such certificates.

There were no updates reported for feature 2-4.

SQF and FSSC were invited to present during the meeting, SQFI was unable to attend, Tracie provided an overview on SQF certification program from slides prepared by SQFI.

Jacqueline Southee, FSSC, provided an overview of the FSSC Certification program. She commented that version 6 of the standard will be published in Q1 2023, and there will be a 12-month transition window, with audits beginning in 2024.

**Recommendations to the Executive Board:** None.

**Next Meeting Date:** July 16-19, 2023, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10:15 a.m. Eastern Time.

**Chairperson:** Tracie Sheehan.