



Management of Pest Control

Introduction

The company has established, documented and implemented a pest control system for the site, which is maintained as part of the Operational Prerequisite programme in order to meet the requirements of the Food Safety Quality Management System and ensure the safe production of products.

Procedure

The company operates a proactive system for the prevention of contamination of products by pests and ensures there are effective controls and processes in place to minimise pest activity. This procedure is used in conjunction with written Prerequisite, Operational Prerequisite and HACCP plans to ensure adequate pest control. At the factory design stage measures are taken to reduce the risk of contamination by aiming to restrict the access of pests on site.

Raw materials, packaging and finished products are stored so as to minimise the risk of infestation. Where stored product pests are considered a risk, appropriate measures are included in the control programme. All incoming goods are inspected for pest infestation. Process equipment handling raw materials vulnerable to infestation is identified and scheduled inspection undertaken. All buildings are required to be adequately proofed as described in the prerequisite programmes manual. In order to prevent risk of contamination no animals are allowed on site.

The company employs a Pest Control Association registered pest control contractor to implement a pest control programme and maintain the site free from pest contamination.

The contract agreement defines:

- company and contractor key contact personnel
- description of contracted services and how they will be completed
- term of the contract
- equipment and material storage specifications
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Owned by: Technical Manager

Authorised By: General Manager





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- Rate of application or percent of concentration
- Specific location of application
- Method of application
- Amount of pesticide used at the application site
- Next action/follow up date
- Date and time
- Signature of pest controller

Temporary placement of any pest monitoring devices for short-term monitoring is documented in pest control action reports.

The Field Biologist conducts a quarterly assessment of the facility. The assessment evaluates all areas inside and outside the facility. Assessment results and recommendations are documented and used to improve and update the pest control procedures.

All personnel are trained to identify potential issues caused by pests at induction. A pest control reporting procedure is in place such that any incident or sign of pest activity is reported to the Technical Manager. The Technical Manager maintains a log of pest sightings and the action taken by the pest controller.

The log is maintained in the pest control file and includes:

- Date
- Time
- Type of pests observed
- Actions taken
- Person taking the action and signature

The log is used to identify and eliminate areas where pest activity is observed and to document Corrective Actions taken. The Field Biologist reviews the log each quarter to identify trends in pest activity. A report of findings is submitted to the Technical Manager.