

## Foreign bodies in your supply chain

The risk of contamination is a huge challenge for the food industry, poses a threat to consumer safety and can damage a brand's reputation. Manufacturers and producers therefore need to understand the processes and procedures which need to be put into place in order to reduce this risk.

As a food manufacturer, how do you implement an effective safety system so that the risk of contamination is minimised?





The risk of contamination along the food supply chain is a serious challenge for food producers, manufacturers and retailers alike. Intertek can help you to reduce the specific risk of foreign bodies or physical contaminants from entering your supply chain by offering your business a bespoke solution.

Physical contamination includes grass, wood, hair, plastic, dead insects, metal fragments or any foreign body which is not an ingredient.

### Our Service

Intertek can offer your business a bespoke solution which is specifically designed to help you identify potential hazards and minimise the risk of foreign body contamination.

**Bespoke audits** - our expert auditors can provide bespoke audits to help you trouble shoot and verify your processes and procedures against the risk of foreign bodies from entering your supply chain. We can provide a tailored, in-depth evaluation to assist with:

- Foreign body control in your supplier approval process
- Raw material risk assessment
- Process risk assessment and management of pre-requisite programmes (PRPs)
- Complaint management and root cause analysis

**Training** - we can provide a staff training programme focusing on Root Cause Analysis and Risk Assessments, helping you to achieve a food safety culture within your organisation.

**Certifications** - our experts can help you achieve globally recognised food safety standards such as the GFSI's (Global Food Safety Initiative's) BRC (British Retail Consortium), FSSC22000 (Food Safety System Certification) and HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point), as well as ISO22000. All of which have the identification of hazards as a basic requirement.

**2nd Party Auditing** - Intertek can provide bespoke 2nd party auditing programmes which will allow you to evaluate your supply chain to your own specific standards. Our expert auditors can help you to develop and implement internal auditing programmes to improve the safety, quality and efficiency of your entire supply chain.

### Benefiting You

By partnering with Intertek you will benefit from:

- The experience of a world-leading food safety certification body with accreditation for globally recognised programmes
- Expert food safety auditors who will work with you to ensure your products are produced, prepared, packaged, distributed and certified to the highest standards of food safety

- Global expertise to help you implement a strong supplier audit programme to ensure food safety is managed along your entire supply chain
- Improved processes saving you valuable time and resources
- Demonstrating your diligence in food safety
- Developing an effective food safety management system

### With You All The Way

Reducing the risk of foreign bodies in your supply chain is just one of a suite of services we provide for ensuring the safety and quality of your products.

Intertek is one of the world's leading food safety testing, auditing, inspection and certification bodies. Our blend of expert analytical and advisory services help our customers to achieve compliance and improve safety, quality and efficiency.

Whatever safety or quality issues you face, we have the flexibility and the experience to deliver the right solutions for your business.

- **Risk Management:** Improve performance, reduce risk and free up valuable resource
- **Global Quality Guarantee:** applied to commodities, food ingredients and food products
- **Traceability through the supply chains:** including raw and semi-manufactured foodstuffs and final products in all food categories and special interest products
- **Global Coverage:** network of highly skilled and experienced experts to ensure smooth transition in the supply chain.

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At Intertek, it is our sole mission to provide not only the one-stop-shop you seek for all food services but to establish a trusted partnership with your business - consistently adding value and increasing your competitive advantage in the industry with every step we take together.

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