

# GFSI Benchmarking & Recognition

For Private Certification Programmes



## THE WHY

Since its inception in 2000, GFSI has brought together stakeholders representing the global food industry to collaborate on advancing food safety. An essential part of that goal is to create a common and widely-accepted understanding of what constitutes a good food safety system.

That is precisely what **GFSI's Benchmarking Requirements**, previously known as the **GFSI Guidance**

**Document**, have done. This tool has become the world's most widely accepted benchmark for food safety certification programmes.

Once successfully benchmarked against GFSI's Benchmarking Requirements, food safety certification programmes achieve GFSI recognition, which lends a nameplate authority to these certifications and acts as a food safety passport throughout the global marketplace.

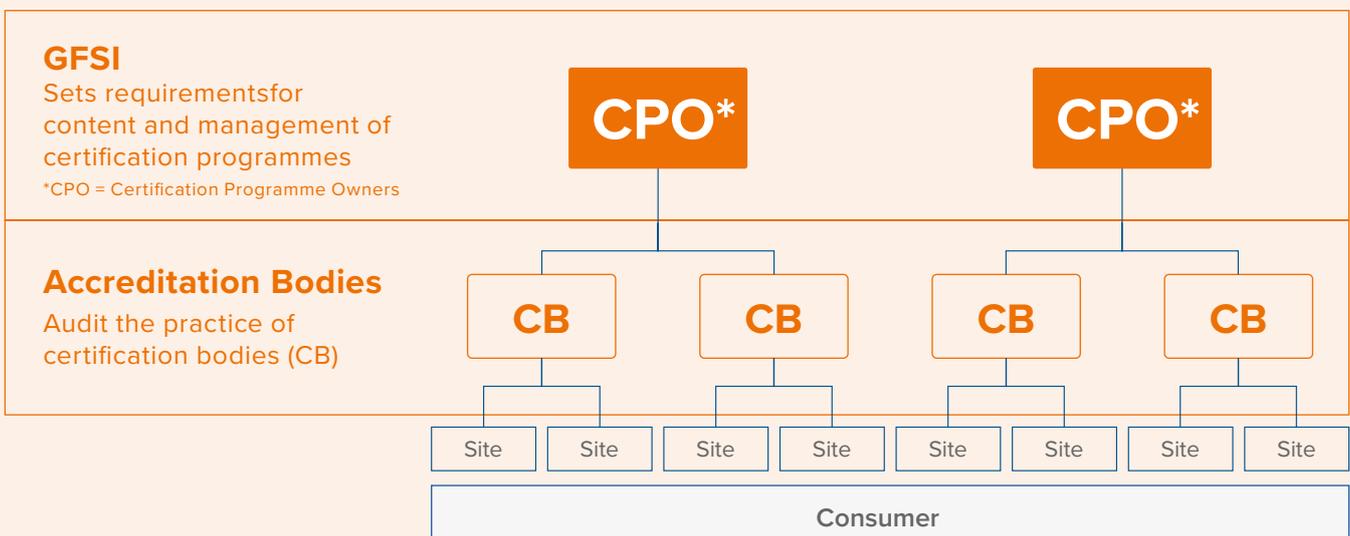
## THE WHO

A common misconception is that GFSI is involved directly in certification activities. In reality, GFSI sets in motion a domino effect in the industry through its benchmarking and recognition work with **Certification Programme Owners (CPOs)**.

Based on the GFSI Benchmarking Requirements, GFSI checks the content and management of certification programmes. In turn, the CPO aligns its

requirements for certification bodies (CB), including everything from technical standards to how auditors are selected and assessed.

Food operations and facilities seeking certification to one of these GFSI-recognised certification programmes then need to ensure their site meets these requirements, with an ultimate goal of strengthening food safety assurance for the consumer.



# CERTIFICATION PROGRAMMES

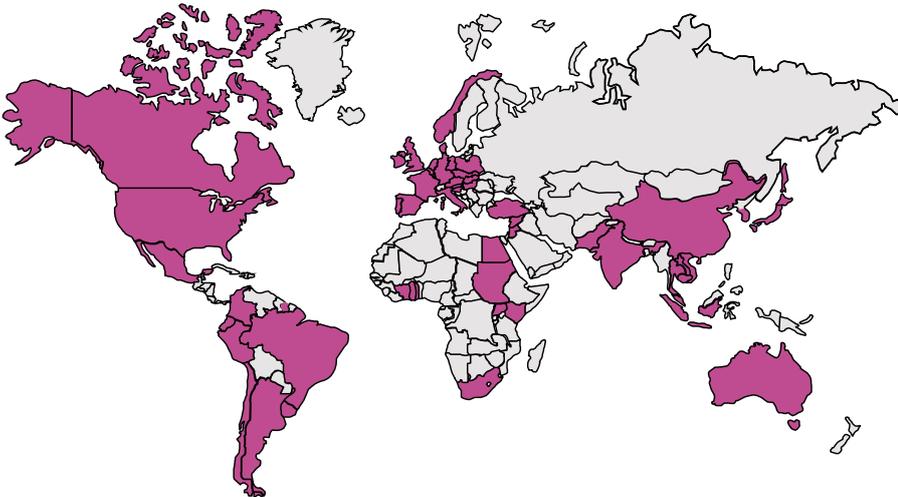
## Certification Programme Owners

Learn more about certification programmes which have been recognised as well as those currently going through GFSI benchmarking on our website:

[www.mygfsi.com/certification](http://www.mygfsi.com/certification)



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### Local, Regional and Global Reach

Over 150,000 certificates from GFSI-recognised CPOs have been issued in 162 countries.

They are increasingly being required as an indicator of a strong food safety system and as a pre-requisite to doing business.

## MORE FROM GFSI

Connect with GFSI to find out how to get involved in driving the future of food safety. Attend one of GFSI's local or global events to benefit from best-practice sharing and network with industry peers.

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