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ICC-ES Becomes Recognized Provider of SQF Certification for Food Industry

Important recognition adds food safety management to ICC-ES portfolio of certification services

Brea, CA – ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) is proud to announce that it has been awarded recognition by the Safe Quality Food Institute (SQFI) farm-to-fork food safety and quality standards. The recognition qualifies ICC-ES to offer certifications to the following programs: SQF Fundamentals, SQF Food Safety and SQF Quality. The ICC-ES Food Safety Management Certification Program combines the experience and knowledge of the widely accepted certification body with systematic application of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) to provide a solution for businesses suppling local and global food markets.

"Safety is at the core of everything we do," said ICC-ES President Shahin Moinian, P.E. "With the food safety management certification program, ICC-ES offers the same thorough processes to meet the challenges of the food industry, supporting our global customers through the entire auditing and certification process."

The Safe Quality Food (SQF) Program is a rigorous and credible food safety and quality program that is recognized by retailers, brand owners, and food service providers world-wide. Recognized by the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI), the SQF family of food safety and quality codes are designed to meet industry, customer, and regulatory requirements for all sectors of the food supply chain – from the farm all the way to the retail stores.

For <u>more information</u> or to apply for an SQF Certification, contact ICC-ES at 888-422-7233 x7741 or <u>amorlesin@iccsafe.org</u>.

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About ICC-ES

A nonprofit, limited liability company, ICC-ES is the United States' leading evaluation service for innovative building materials, components and systems. ICC-ES <u>Evaluation Reports</u> (ESRs), <u>Building Product Listings</u> and <u>PMG Listings</u> provide evidence that products and systems meet requirements of codes and technical standards. The ICC-ES Environmental Programs issue VAR environmental reports that verify a product meets specific sustainability targets defined by today's codes, standards, green rating systems and ICC-ES <u>environmental criteria</u>. ICC-ES is a member of the <u>ICC</u> family of solutions.

About SQFI

The <u>Safe Quality Food Institute</u> was established to administer the <u>SQF Program</u>, a leading global food safety and quality certification and management system. The Program provides independent certification that a supplier's food safety and quality management system complies with international and domestic food safety regulations. This enables suppliers to assure their customers that food has been produced, processed, prepared and handled according to the highest possible standards, at all levels of the supply chain. SQFI is a division of the Food Marketing Institute.