



AUS-QUAL PTY LTD

CERTIFICATION INTEGRITY SOLUTIONS



**YOUR FIRST CHOICE IN CERTIFICATION AND
QUALITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES**



The AUS-QUAL Story

AUS-QUAL Pty Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of AUS-MEAT Limited, the Australian Meat Industry Standards and Quality System Management Company. AUS-QUAL is a certification body accredited by JAS-ANZ, providing conformity assessment services for quality management and food safety (HACCP) management systems, as well as Product Certification Systems for the wider Australian and New Zealand agricultural, horticultural and secondary processing sectors.

AUS-MEAT has been providing services to the Meat and Livestock industry since 1987. From the early 1990's AUS-MEAT has adopted a business diversification and growth strategy that has included involvement with a range of programs in the Agricultural, Horticultural and Food Processing Industries.

AUS-QUAL's business activities in Food Production, Processing and Industry training are a reflection of the Company's origins and its experience with Quality Management and Certification programs. The expertise available for Technical and Commercial activities is a further reflection of the 'industry hands on' experience within AUS-QUAL.

Whilst AUS-MEAT's charter is to provide services to the Meat and Livestock Industry, AUS-QUAL's diversification has provided opportunities for growth and new business initiatives. However the same level of Certification services are delivered with Integrity to provide Solutions for AUS-QUAL's many clients.

AUS-QUAL:
Your First Choice in Certification and Quality Management services.



AUS-QUAL CERTIFICATION SERVICES

The Certification services provided by AUS-QUAL are varied and extend across a wide range of agriculture, horticulture and other processing sectors.

The scope of AUS-QUAL's business includes the following:

- ♦ Agricultural, Horticultural, Plant production and processing
- ♦ Food Processing
- ♦ Industry Training
- ♦ Research and Technical Services
- ♦ Commercial Business Management and Administration Services

AUS-QUAL Certification programs incorporate both **System Certification** and **Product Certification** providing a level of integrity that will assist every business to meet the needs of their customers.

SYSTEM CERTIFICATION

QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS ISO 9001:2008

The international standard ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management Systems – Requirements, is designed to provide companies and organisations with a common approach to applying a Quality Management System. The Standard specifies generic requirements for Quality Management Systems and these requirements are consistent regardless of the size, type, industry, product and/or service that is addressed within the quality system. AUS-QUAL provides certification under this Standard in the horticulture, agriculture, food service, tertiary food processing, manufacturing, and business services sector.



CODEX ALIMENTARIUS HACCP

Codex HACCP is the basis for a food safety program that addresses HACCP principles and the fundamentals of good manufacturing practice and good agricultural practice.

AUS-QUAL provides non-accredited certification to Codex Alimentarius HACCP for a wide range of clients in the horticulture, agriculture, food service and tertiary food processing sectors.

PRODUCT CERTIFICATION

GLOBALG.A.P.

GLOBALG.A.P. is a private sector body that sets voluntary standards for the certification of agricultural products around the globe.

The GLOBALG.A.P. Standard is primarily designed to reassure consumers about how food is produced on the farm by minimising detrimental environmental impacts of farming operations, reducing the use of chemical inputs and ensuring a responsible approach to worker health and safety as well as animal welfare.

GLOBALG.A.P. serves as a practical manual for Good Agricultural Practice (G.A.P) anywhere in the world.

GLOBALG.A.P. Integrated Farm Assurance Standard covers the whole agricultural production process of the certified product from before the plant is in the ground or from when the animal enters the production process to non-processed end product.

AUS-QUAL provides certification to the GLOBALG.A.P. Integrated Farm Assurance Standard.

BRITISH RETAIL CONSORTIUM – FOOD

The BRC Global Standard for food safety was originally developed by UK retailers in 1998 to enable their suppliers to be audited to a single standard by third party certification bodies reducing duplication of supplier audits.





SAFE QUALITY FOOD



The current Global Standard for Food Safety is internationally recognised and approved by the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI). It is a comprehensive standard covering management commitment; HACCP based food safety plans, food safety and quality management systems, site standards, product and process control, as well as personnel requirements. BRC certification is well recognised through the requirement for; a detailed audit report that is often accepted in place of customer audits; stringent competency, qualification and experience requirements for auditors; approval of accredited certification bodies; and the rigorous and exhaustive management by BRC of the standard.

The SQF program is a leading global food safety and quality certification program developed in 1994 and now owned by the Food Marketing Institute (FMI). The program is designed on the systematic application of Codex HACCP principles and guidelines to both food safety and quality to assure customers that a management system is in place to deliver safe quality food that meets both their own and regulatory requirements. The SQF Code is recognised by GFSI and provides a link between producers, manufacturers, distributors and agents. The SQF Code is internationally recognised by major retailers and food service organisations who require their suppliers to have implemented a HACCP based food safety and quality management systems.

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AUSTRALIAN WOOD PACKAGING CERTIFICATION SCHEME (AWPCS)



The Australian Wood Packaging Certification Scheme (AWPCS) ensures that timber treatment providers and wood packaging manufacturers produce wood packaging material that meets the requirements of the International Standard ISPM 15.

Under this scheme wood packaging manufacturers and treatment providers who meet the requirements of ISPM 15 are authorised by Department of Agriculture to apply the internationally recognised mark to wood packaging material produced for use in the export trade.

AUS-QUAL provides certification to all enterprise categories in all States and Territories

AUS-QUAL AUDITING SERVICES

AUS-QUAL provides auditing services for independent programs on behalf of the program Owners who are generally industry appointed bodies.

FRESHCARE: HORTICULTURAL FOOD SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS



Freshcare is the national, on-farm food safety program for the fresh produce industry. Freshcare links food safety on farm to the quality and food safety programs of the other members of the fresh produce supply chain.

The Freshcare Environmental Code of Practice identifies those practices growers need to follow to demonstrate responsible on-farm environmental management.

AUS-QUAL provides Auditing and Audit management services for the Freshcare Food Safety & Environmental Programs.

B-QUAL FOOD SAFETY PROGRAM



B-Qual is an independently audited Food Safety Program established by the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (AHBIC). The aim of the program is to ensure a critical mass of honey produced in Australia is quality assured for both domestic and export customers.

Product standards include all facets of production and services of the industry including honey, queen bees, pollination and honey packing.

AUS-QUAL provides Auditing and Audit management services for the B-Qual program.

AUS-QUAL ORGANIC PROGRAM



AUS-QUAL is an approved Organic Certification Body by the Australian Government Department of Agriculture to certify across all business types to the National Standard for Organic and Bio-Dynamic Produce and the United States Department of Agriculture - National Organic Program (NOP) to include;

- ◆ Primary Producers;
- ◆ Processors;
- ◆ Wholesalers; and
- ◆ Retailers

AUS-QUAL provides comprehensive development tools to assist in the implementation of the Organic Management System for a business.

The term 'organic' is commonly applied to systems that use such terms as organic, bio-dynamic, biological and ecological.

The National Standard for Organic and Bio-Dynamic Produce defines 'organic' as the application of practices that emphasise the;

- ◆ Use of renewable resources;
- ◆ Conservation of energy, soil and water;
- ◆ Recognition of livestock welfare needs; and
- ◆ Care of the environment, while producing optimum quantities of produce without the use of artificial fertilisers, synthetic chemicals, transgenic technology (genetically modified or GM) or irradiation.





WHY CHOOSE AUS-QUAL?

1. AUS-QUAL auditors are registered with Exemplar Global and hold auditor qualifications in a diverse range of disciplines. In addition, AUS-QUAL has a number of technical specialists who provide back up support for the Audit Teams.
2. AUS-QUAL is well placed to provide any Organisation with professional, cost effective, Certification Services and has a well established track record and reputation that will ensure the integrity of the services provided.
3. Integrity at all levels – whether your needs are basic Food Safety or compliance with International programs, AUS-QUAL can deliver a cost effective service to meet your business needs or target markets.
4. Our high level of service delivery comes from our extensive background and expertise in Quality Management Systems.



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