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CSQ
Cannabis Safety and Quality

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MEET CSQ

At CSQ, our mission is to provide the global cannabis industries, both marijuana and hemp, with reliable and trusted industry standards that help licensed operations minimize risks, protect their brand, and ensure the health and well-being of consumers around the world.

CSQ CERTIFICATION

The CSQ Certification Program is an accredited, safety and quality management certification program for production and processing of cannabis and cannabinoid products designed by and for the industry to meet ASTM/ISO standards and market-to-market regulatory requirements from seed-to-sale.

GOALS

GLOBAL STANDARDIZATION

To develop cannabis industry safety and quality standards and best practices based on science and international standards.

FAIR TRADE

To ensure fair trade practices and ensure there are no unnecessary barriers to trade.

PROTECT CONSUMERS

To protect consumer health and safety through the development of standards and best practices.

VISION

Our vision is to become the cannabis industry's most trusted source for safety and quality certification.

OWNERSHIP

CSQ is a standards and certification program scheme developer, and is a privately-held, solely-owned, subsidiary of ASI Global Standards, LLC.

ABOUT OUR **ACCREDITED PROGRAM**

Trusted by **100+** Licensed Operators

The CSQ Certification Program is based on ASTM, ISO, cGACP, cGMP, cGDP, cGHP, HACCP, and other internationally recognized standards and best practices as well as applicable regulatory requirements.

The modular framework of CSQ acts as a roadmap for organizations to continuously improve their processes at their own pace.

The fully accredited program includes a level-based system that's flexible enough to meet any licensed operator's business and regulatory needs.

I HAVE HIGH STANDARDS

To ensure transparency and obtain involvement from diverse stakeholders representing the cannabis industries, both marijuana and hemp, CSQ has established a Technical Advisory Committee which makes recommendations on various Certification Program documents.

OUR STANDARDS

CSQ's standards were created to safeguard cannabinoid products from seed to sale, while helping licensed operators:

- ✓ Reduce recalls & enhance traceability
- ✓ Improve product safety, quality & consistency
- ✓ Protect consumers, your brand & bottom line



// CULTIVATION

For the cultivation and production of cannabinoid herbal material products.



// EXTRACTION

For producing cannabinoid-containing substances from any cannabis plant.



// MANUFACTURING

For the manufacture of cannabinoid-containing products.



// WAREHOUSING & DISTRIBUTION

For the handling, storage, and distribution of cannabinoid-containing materials and products at legal warehouses or distribution locations.



// RETAIL

For the sale of cannabinoid-containing products at a legal retail location. This standard is divided into two versions - Retail & Deli-Style Retail.



// DELI STYLE RETAIL

For the packing & labeling at point of sale, production of pre-rolls at the retail location, and when the end consumer is exposed to cannabinoid herbal materials while in-store.

CSQ CULTIVATION

SCOPE

Accredited, cGACP and cGMP conformant, safety and quality management, process certification program covering:

- Cultivation of cannabis/hemp for the purposes of producing cannabinoid herbal materials.
- Processing and production of cannabinoid herbal materials, regardless of regulatory classification.

APPLICABLE PRODUCTS

- Live Cannabis Products (e.g. seeds, clones, etc.)
- Cannabinoid Herbal Materials (e.g. flower, trim, etc.)
- Cannabinoid Pre-Rolls (uninfused only)

CSQ EXTRACTION



SCOPE

Accredited, cGMP conformant, safety and quality management, process certification program covering:

- Processing and handling of cannabinoid herbal materials.
- Extraction, refinement, purification, manufacture, and conversion of cannabinoids and cannabinoid substances, regardless of regulatory classification.

APPLICABLE PRODUCTS

- Cannabinoid Herbal Materials (e.g. flower, trim, etc.)
- Cannabinoid Substances (concentrates & extracts)
- Formulated Cannabinoid Substances (e.g. for inhalation, etc.)
- Cannabinoids (natural & synthetic)

CSQ RETAIL & DELI-STYLE

RETAIL

SCOPE

Accredited, cGHP conformant, safety and quality management, process certification program covering all activities related to the handling, storage, distribution, and sale of cannabinoid products within a legal retail operation, regardless of regulatory classification, for the purposes of maintaining the safety and quality of cannabinoid products.s, regardless of regulatory classification.

APPLICABLE PRODUCTS

- Live Cannabis Products
- Cannabinoid Herbal Materials
- Cannabinoid Pre-Rolls
- Cannabinoid Substances
- Formulated Cannabinoid Substances
- Cannabinoids (natural & synthetic)
- Cannabinoid Vape Products
- Inhalable Cannabinoid Products
- Ingestible Cannabinoid Products
- Topical-use Cannabinoid Products

DELI-STYLE RETAIL

SCOPE

All CSQ Retail activities in addition to “deli-style” retail activities which include:

1. Packing and labeling of cannabinoid herbal materials at the point of sale.
2. Production of uninfused cannabinoid pre-rolls at the retail location.
3. Retail locations where the end-consumer can see and/or smell exposed cannabinoid herbal materials.

APPLICABLE PRODUCTS

- Live Cannabis Products
- **Cannabinoid Herbal Materials***
- **Cannabinoid Pre-Rolls** (infused & **uninfused***)
- Cannabinoid Substances
- Formulated Cannabinoid Substances
- Cannabinoids (natural & synthetic)
- Cannabinoid Vape Products
- Inhalable Cannabinoid Products
- Ingestible Cannabinoid Products
- Topical-use Cannabinoid Products

***CAN MAKE**

CSQ MANUFACTURING



*We produce **ready-to-eat** products for our consumers and patients, that's why we feel that the **CSQ Certification is paramount** to the success of our food safety program.*

Dave Owens
Director of Culinary
Honeybee Edibles

SCOPE

Accredited, cGMP conformant, safety and quality management, process certification program covering all activities associated with the manufacture and production of consumer and non-consumer facing cannabinoid products, regardless of regulatory classification, intended for inhalation, ingestion as a food or ingredient in a food, or topical application.

APPLICABLE PRODUCTS

- Cannabinoid Herbal Materials
- Cannabinoid Pre-Rolls
- Cannabinoid Substances
- Formulated Cannabinoid Substances
- Cannabinoids (natural & synthetic)
- Cannabinoid Vape Products
- Inhalable Cannabinoid Products
- Ingestible Cannabinoid Products
- Topical-use Cannabinoid Products

CSQ

WAREHOUSING & DISTRIBUTION



SCOPE

Accredited, cGDP conformant, safety and quality management, process certification program covering all activities related to the handling, storage, and distribution of cannabinoid materials and products within a legal warehousing or distribution operation, regardless of regulatory classification, for the purposes of maintaining the safety and quality of cannabinoid materials and products.

APPLICABLE PRODUCTS

- Live Cannabis Products (e.g. seeds, clones, etc.)
- Cannabinoid Herbal Materials (e.g. flower, trim, etc.)
- Cannabinoid Pre-Rolls (infused & uninfused)
- Cannabinoid Substances (concentrates & extracts)
- Formulated Cannabinoid Substances (e.g. for inhalation, etc.)
- Cannabinoids (natural & synthetic)
- Cannabinoid Vape Products (any)
- Inhalable Cannabinoid Products (any)
- Ingestible Cannabinoid Products (e.g. gummies, beverages, etc.)
- Topical-use Cannabinoid Products (e.g. lotions, balms, etc.)

NOTE: Handling, storage, and distribution activities are considered NON-MANUFACTURING and conform to cGDP requirements.

CSQ
DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS



ADDENDUM

The CSQ Dietary Supplement Addendum is a scope extension for CSQ Certified (Level 2 or 3) licensed operations processing, producing, handling, storing, distributing, or selling cannabinoid-containing dietary supplement materials and products, regardless of regulatory classification.

HOW IT WORKS

The CSQ Dietary Supplement Addendum can be added to any Level 2 or Level 3 CSQ Certification. The CSQ Dietary Supplement Addendum Audit Requirements are in addition to the applicable CSQ Audit Requirements.

CONFORMS with US 21 CFR 111 and other international regulatory requirements for dietary supplements.

CERTIFICATION PROCESS

1

AUDIT PREP

Download the current version of the CSQ Certification Program Requirements and take the CSQ Certification Program Overview Online Training. Confirm your site can meet the applicable CSQ Standards by completing an internal audit to identify any nonconformances, and work to correct them.

2

AUDIT PLANNING

Select a CSQ Certification Body (such as Kiwa ASI) and schedule the offsite document evaluation and the onsite facility evaluation.

Visit www.asifood.com to schedule your audit with Kiwa ASI, our go-to Certification Body.

3

DOCUMENTATION EVALUATION

Submit all applicable documentation to your Certification Body (CB) and correct any nonconformances found during the documentation evaluation before your facility evaluation.

4

FACILITY EVALUATION/ ONSITE AUDIT

Provide your CSQ CB with access to the facility and applicable records for review and an onsite audit, including mock recall.

5

POST AUDIT

Your CB will provide an audit report identifying any nonconformances found during the facility evaluation. Correct any nonconformances and once all corrective actions are approved by the CB, a certificate will be issued.

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MAINTENANCE

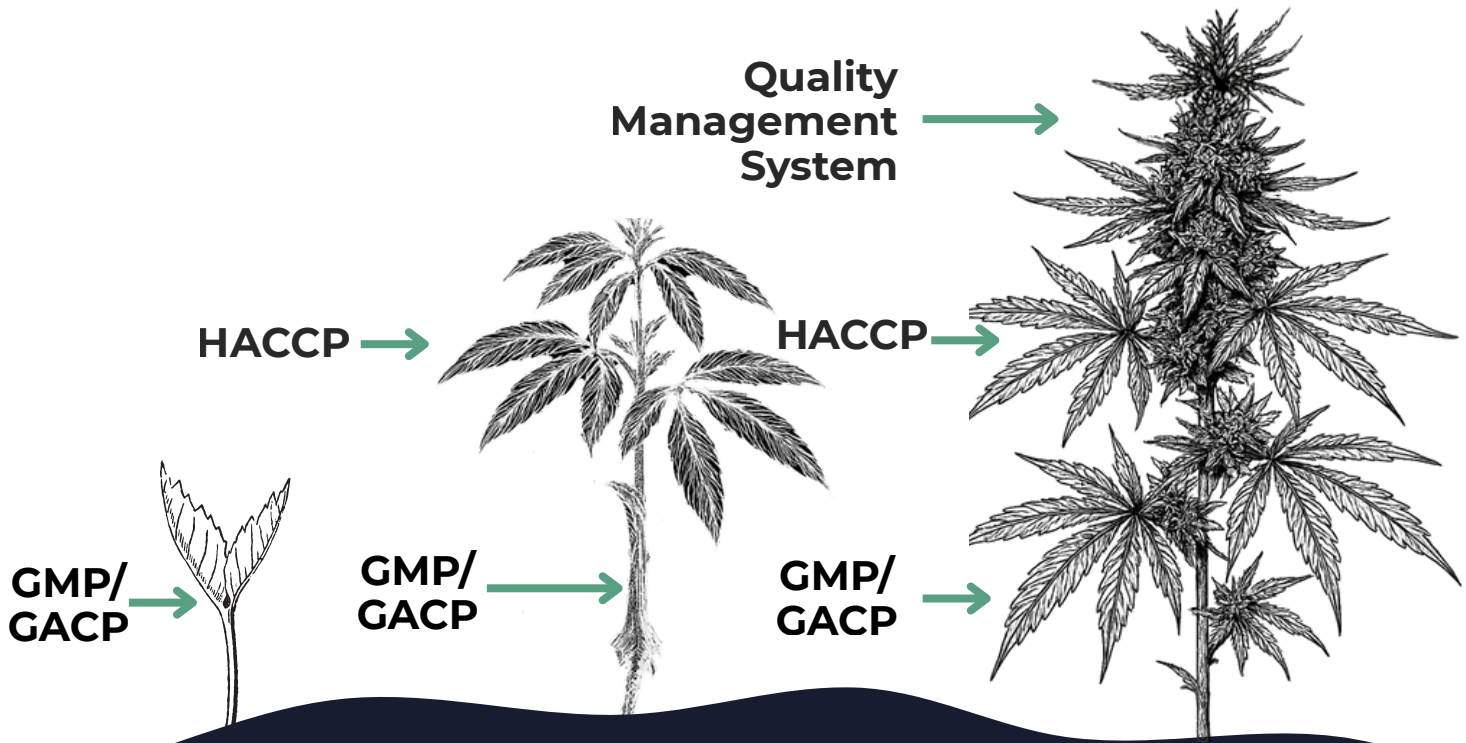
CSQ Certification Cycles are on an annual basis; your CB will arrange recertification audits. Keep an open line of communication with your CB and inform them of any changes to your processes or products as this may impact your certification. Work to continuously improve your internal CSQ Program.

GETTING STARTED.

The CSQ website offers a variety of resources to help you initiate the certification process with ease. Visit csqcertification.com to find a Certification Body, a CSQ-approved consultant, and training providers.

CSQ LEVELING **SYSTEM**

The five modules form the foundation of the CSQ Level System. Each CSQ Standard incorporates three levels of progressively more stringent audit requirements.



LEVEL 1

Module 3: Cannabinoid product and process requirements.
Module 2: GMP GACP, etc.
Module 1: Minimum requirements for all licensed operators.

LEVEL 2

+Module 4: HACCP Module 1-3

LEVEL 3

+Module 5: QMS Module 1-4

WHY CSQ?



FOR SUPPLIERS

- Improve product safety & quality
- Meet regulatory requirements
- Reduce recalls
- Protection of brand/bottom-line
- Enhance marketability
- Reduce insurance costs
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FOR BUYERS

- Higher confidence in suppliers
- Searchable list of CSQ Certified suppliers
- Reduction to product recalls
- Protection of brand/bottom-line
- Increased consumer confidence





FOR CONSUMERS

- Searchable database of trusted CSQ Certified brands
- Consistent & safe products that are reliable.

YOUR SUCCESS IS OUR PRIORITY

At CSQ, we are here to help businesses future-proof their operations by ensuring compliance with evolving regulations and industry standards. Not only do accredited certifications like CSQ provide businesses with legitimacy and stability, making them more attractive to investors, regulators, and consumers, the process involved to earn certification saves businesses time and money in the long run by improving efficiency and reducing waste.

PREPARING FOR YOUR AUDIT



TRAINING

// CSQ LEAD AUDITOR
Required training for all individuals interested in becoming a CSQ Auditor, CSQ Consultant, or CSQ Technical Reviewer.

// CSQ CERTIFICATION PROGRAM OVERVIEW
Required training for the CSQ Certification Program Manager of each CSQ Certified Licensed Operation.

// USDA HEMP REGULATIONS 101
Supplemental training covering the legal differences between hemp and marijuana in the USDA final rules and regulations on hemp production.

// CANNABIS SAFETY 101
Non-mandatory training for anyone interested in learning more about cannabis and cannabinoid product safety.

// INTRO TO CANNABIS PROCESSING & PRODUCTION
Required training for prospective CSQ Auditors, Consultants, and Technical Reviewers with no experience in cannabis/hemp.

NEED A HELPING HAND?

Sites may choose to develop and implement their CSQ Program using their own qualified resources or they may utilize the services of a CSQ registered consultant.

All CSQ registered consultants are required to obtain CSQ Lead Auditor Training and demonstrate through qualifications and work experience that they are able to effectively develop and implement a CSQ Program.

Go to www.CSQCertification.com to find a registered CSQ Consultant.

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CSQ Cannabis Safety & Quality

TRUSTED CLIENTS

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Trulieve

Jungle Boys

Proper Cannabis

Green Thumb

curaleaf

VERANO

AYR wellness

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Cookies

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