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Cleaning Validation for Allergen Control in Food Manufacturing

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- Supporter of the EHEDG, IAFP and GFSI
- Friend and colleague for 20 years



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Kersia - history



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>120
Countries
where we sell



30
Industrial
Sites worldwide
*o/w 23 owned
o/w 7 sub-contracted*



>10,000
Active
customers



>1,700
FTEs
worldwide



>700
rep sales
worldwide



>3,000
Active
registrations



October 2016
Ardian acquires 100% of Hyprd
from Roullier Group alongside
Hyprd Management team



August 2017
Hyprd acquires LCB



June 2018
New Group identity: KERSIA



July 2019
Kersia acquires Choisy
Laboratories



December 2020
IK Investment Partners acquires
100% of Kersia from Ardian
alongside Kersia Management
team



April 2017 Hyprd
and Anti-Germ
announce their
combination

Sept 2017
Hyprd acquires G3
Quimica



June 2018
Kersia acquires Kilco



May 2020
Kersia acquires
Holchem



December 2020
Kersia acquires
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food safety

Allergens

- Second most important hazard in food manufacturing after microbial pathogens
- Most frequent subject of public recalls
 - Wrong labelling – undeclared allergen
 - Incorrect recipe – wrong ingredient
 - Ingredient adulteration – unknown ingredient
 - Cross-contamination – no cleaning
 - Cross-contamination - ineffective cleaning
- Influence of Vegan – UK's fastest growing food sector



ALLERGY ALERT

Graze recalls Sea Salt & Vinegar Veg Crunchers because it is labelled vegan and contains milk

6 March 2019



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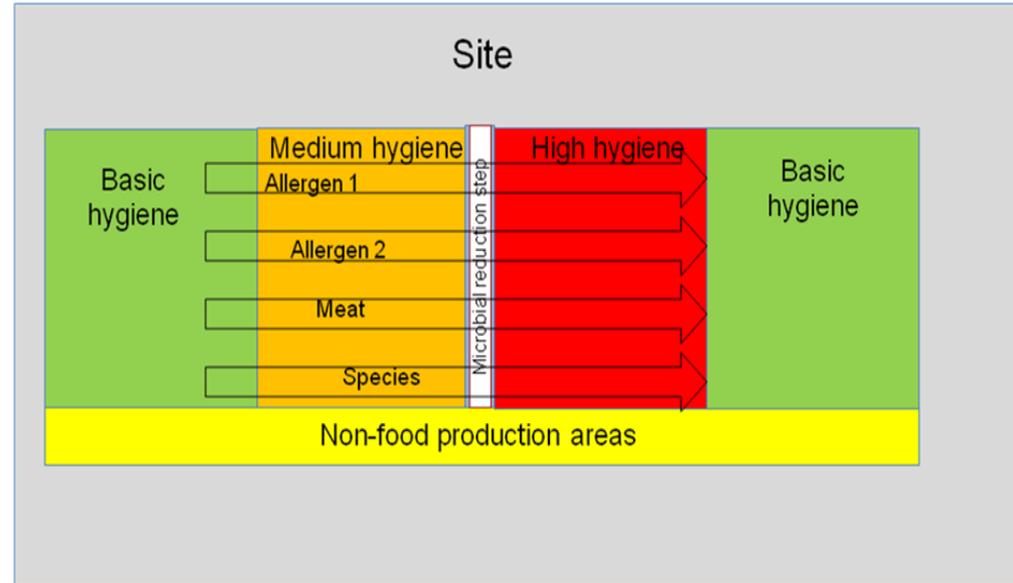
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Graze is recalling Sea Salt & Vinegar Veg Crunchers because it has been incorrectly labelled as suitable for vegans, however the product contains milk. This means the product is a possible health risk for anyone with an allergy or intolerance to milk or milk constituents.

Allergen control hierarchy

1. Separate factories
2. Segregated areas
3. Segregation by time and cleaning

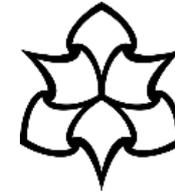
Cleaning is thus the major control to ensure that allergens are removed from the processing line and environment prior to the production of allergen-free products



Ref: EHEDG Guidance Document 44
Hygienic design of food factories

Cleaning knowns and unknowns

- Cleaning geared to specific soil removal – the cleaner the surface the less the hazards present
- Caustic chlorinated products are best for protein removal (e.g. blood) - should we treat allergens differently to other proteins?
- No specific agents to remove allergens – would we adopt a second cleaning phase?
- Can we optimise allergen removal - what can we practically achieve as a cleaning target (the equivalent for a 6 log reduction of pathogens)?
- Is it possible to make residues non-allergenic?



Definitions

Validation

- Generic - evidence of capability – the designed cleaning and disinfection programme is fit for purpose.

(Codex Alimentarius) Obtaining evidence that a control measure or combination of control measures, if properly implemented, is capable of controlling a hazard to a specified outcome

Once the cleaning process has been validated, it is routinely applied and monitored and verified:

Monitoring

- Planned process assessment relative to real-time control (observations and measurements) assesses hazard control measures

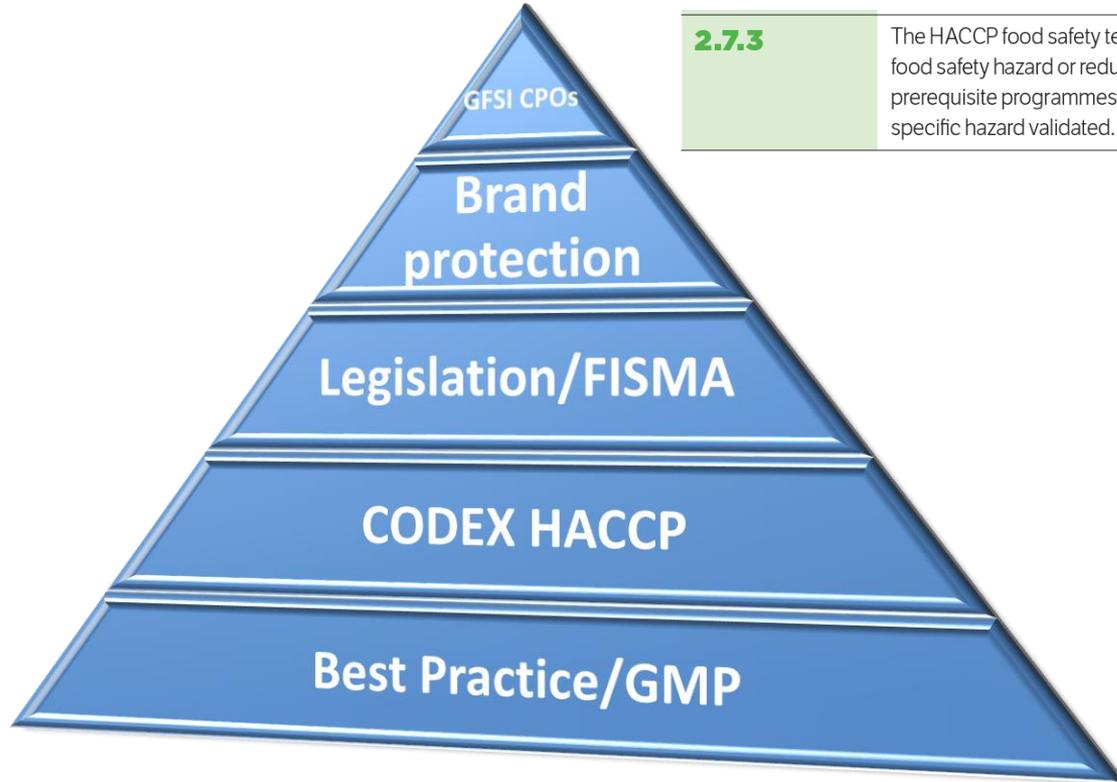
Verification

- Determination of compliance – the cleaning and disinfection programme is/has been routinely working by producing objective evidence

Why validate, monitor, verify, record



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The HACCP food safety team shall consider the control measures necessary to prevent or eliminate a food safety hazard or reduce it to an acceptable level. Where the control is achieved through existing prerequisite programmes, this shall be stated and the adequacy of the programme to control the specific hazard validated. Consideration may be given to using more than one control measure.



GLOBAL STANDARD
FOR FOOD SAFETY

BRC Global Standard Issue 8

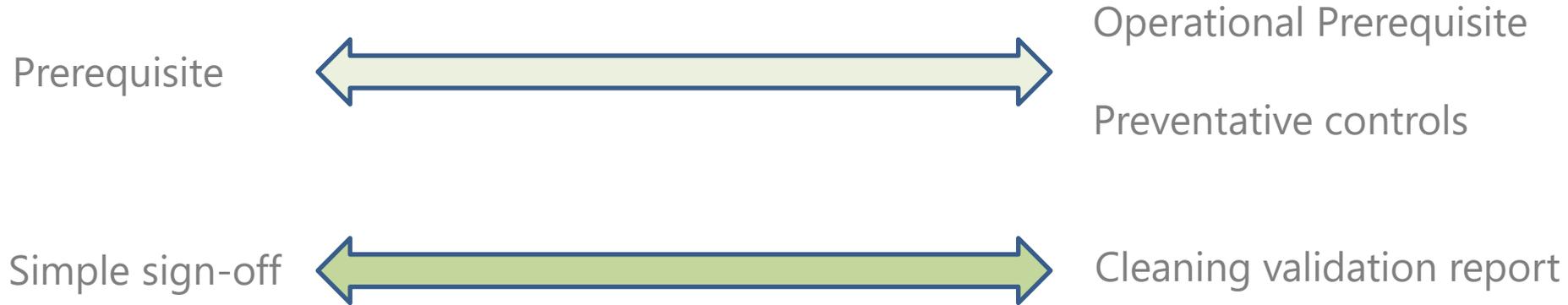
Why validate, monitor, verify, record



Validation is the responsibility of the food producer (through guidance from the equipment manufacturer, chemical supplier, cleaning contractor)

Reason for cleaning	Cleaning objective	Validation recommended	Monitoring and verification recommended
Provide a safe working environment (housekeeping)	Visual cleanliness	Basic	Infrequent
Undertake a clean-as-you-go for GHP/GMP	Visual cleanliness	Basic	Infrequent
Extend the life of, and prevent damage to equipment and services	Visual cleanliness	Basic	Infrequent
Maintain plant operating parameters (heat transfer/ flow)	Visual cleanliness	Basic	Frequent
Remove materials that could lead to foreign body contamination	Visual cleanliness	Basic	Frequent
Remove food soils that would be detrimental to organoleptic quality	Visual cleanliness	Basic	Frequent
Remove DNA to prevent species cross-contamination	Visual cleanliness DNA	Enhanced Optional	Every clean
Remove spoilage microorganisms	Visual cleanliness freedom of spoilage microorganisms	Enhanced Optional	Every clean
Remove cleaning chemical residues (MRL)	Visual cleanliness freedom of chemical residues	Enhanced	Every clean
Remove allergens	Visual cleanliness freedom of allergens	Enhanced	Every clean
Remove pathogens	Visual cleanliness freedom of pathogens	Enhanced	Every clean

Basic and enhanced



Validation Procedure Steps

1: Validation prerequisites

2: Cleaning validation protocol

3: Cleaning validation process

4: Cleaning validation report

5: Validation review



For a given area, cleaning and disinfection programme and hazard, to ensure that the hazard is always controlled under the worst case conditions of hygienic design, process, product hazard concentration, soiling and cleaning performance

Reduce time and costs

<https://www.ehedg.org/guidelines/>
(Guideline No. 45)

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1.2 Cleaning acceptance criteria

1.3 Equipment qualification

1.4 Cleaning qualification

1.5 Sampling techniques

1.6 Analytical methods

1.7 Soiling



- Senior management support
- Similar to a HACCP team
- Production, engineering, technical, hygiene, hazard specialist (microbiologist, chemist), consultant
- Scribe

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- Processing area
- Cleaning type
 - Interim, end-of-production, periodic, (not decontamination), fogging
- Allergen Cross-contamination-vectors
 - Surface cleaning – line, equipment, utensils, containers
 - Tray washers, Tote washers, operatives hands/gloves, PPE, laundry
- Cleaning cross-contamination-vectors
 - Cleaning aerosols
 - Cleaning equipment and cleaning solutions



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- Visual cleanliness
- Freedom of allergen below analysis quantification/detection limit in subsequent product (most sensitive technique – traditionally ELISA)
- Freedom of allergen below analysis quantification/detection limit on food contact surfaces (sensitive but practical – factory based, Lateral Flow Devices (LFD))
- Routine hygiene monitors e.g. ATP, protein (if used routinely in lieu of LFD)

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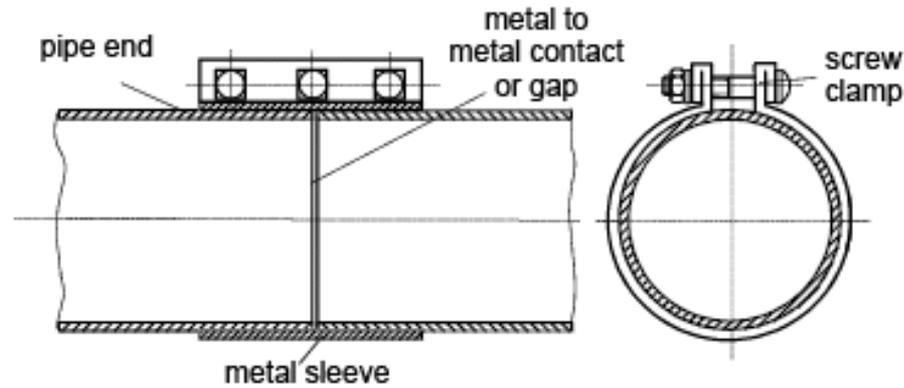
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Hygienic design

- ISO 14159 Safety of machinery. Hygiene requirements for the design of machinery
- EN 1672-2 Food processing machinery. Basic concepts. Hygiene requirements
- 3-A, EHEDG
- NSF, GMA, NAMI.....

Equipment qualification



- Assessment of the hygienic design of the equipment to be cleaned – essentially, is it cleanable (crevices, dead area, drainability)
- Define the hardest part(s) of the process line to clean
- Equipment ancillaries – lubricants, seals, gaskets
- Determine how to access unhygienic features e.g. by dismantling
- Determine how to access and sample safely (isolation, guarding, platforms, PPE)

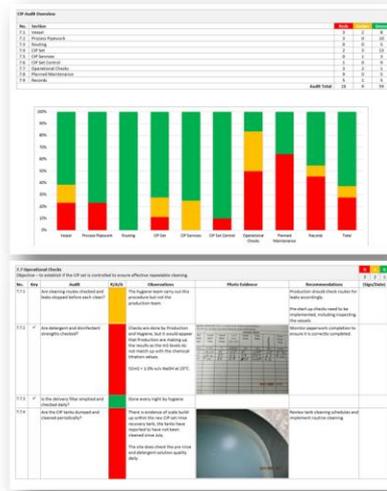
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- Develop method
- Draft SOP/CIC
- Audit/advice



Stage	Time	Comment	Photo	Recommendations
PRE-RINSE	01:00 - 01:15	The system was successfully cleaned and no rise water from the previous clean (from the recovered rise water tank) to any part of an ambient water tank which is supplied at 18°C. The return temperature was recorded as 18.5°C. The rise water is recirculated and goes straight to drain. Temperature reduced further to 18.0°C (2°C on return) during the pre-rinse.		Due to the performance of the main wash cycle, a high level of soiling is still present at the end of the rinse cycle and the soil is returned to the detergent rise recovery water tank during the rise recovery cycle. Until this is resolved, the rise recovery tank should be routinely emptied for cleaning and refilling with a fresh solution of water. Samples from the water tank should be routinely taken to monitor microbiological levels.
		Soil was detected in the initial pre-rinse and the pre-rinse remained cloudy at the end of the cycle.		The flow rates during the cleaners should be established to ensure turbulent flow is being achieved in accordance with the valid pipe work diameter.
		Holchem opened the rise recovery water tank for inspection. The water was found to be heavily soiled and the tank interior and lid were also found to be dirty (as illustrated within the photo column). Microbiure were also visible.		The site needs to consider installing a suitable flow meter on the system.
		The flow rates during the pre-rinse could not be established as there does not appear to be any flow sensor/reading device on the system.		The pressure and sensors should be routinely checked to ensure they are free from soil after cleaning.

Cleaning qualification

- Is the proposed cleaning action appropriate for the process environment and the types of soils present so as to achieve the desired cleaning objective – does it work!
 - What is the minimal cleaning window and number of operatives
 - What is the acceptable detergent and concentration (e.g. 3-5%)
 - What is the application method
 - What is the application equipment
 - What is the acceptable range of rinse/detergent temperatures
 - What is the acceptable range of pressures, flow rates, cleaning times etc.
- Calibrate all cleaning measurement parameters
- Validate at the lowest acceptable cleaning parameters



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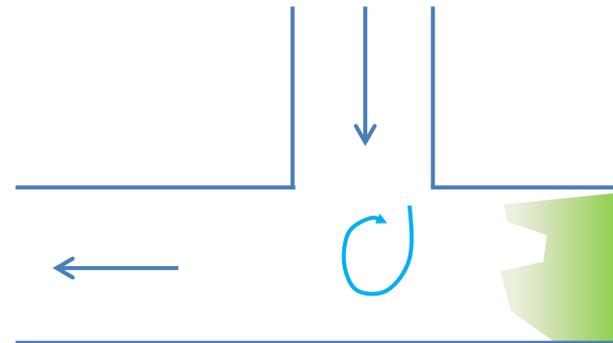
- Visual assessment
 - If not clean – stop!
- Beyond visible cleanliness
 - Direct sampling
 - Swabs, wipes/sponges
 - Indirect sampling
 - Flushes, final rinses
- Rapid swab tests
 - ATP, Protein, Lactose or Glucose
 - LFT



Sampling techniques - product

Methods of sampling (by trained/competent staff)

- Product (in general)
 - Open – first product down the line
 - Closed – first, middle and final product down the line
- Relate validation scope surface/equipment to product, e.g. bread in a sandwich



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- Specific, sensitive, representative, reproducible
- Qualitative/quantitative (for allergens)
 - ELISA, DNA, Mass spectroscopy for validation
 - Lateral flow devices for verification
- Positive controls – e.g. allergen in allergen containing product and on process surfaces during the manufacture of such product
- Effect of cleaning/disinfectant residues (on allergen and hygiene tests)

Allergen inoculated cleaning chemicals

Test Cleaning fluid (level)	Kit a	Kit b	Kit c	Kit d
Neutral detergent Working conc.	NI		NI	NI
Neutral detergent 1/100 dilution	NI			
QAC blend Working conc.				
QAC blend 1/100 dilution	NI		NI	
Chlorine tablets Working conc.	NI			
Chlorine tablets 1/100 dilution	NI			
Sodium hydroxide Working conc.				
Sodium hydroxide 1/100 dilution				NI
Low foaming acid Working conc.				
Low foaming acid 1/100 dilution	NI			NI
Peracetic acid Working conc.	NI			
Peracetic acid 1/100 dilution	NI		NI	



Validation of cleaning to remove allergens
Campden Guideline no.59

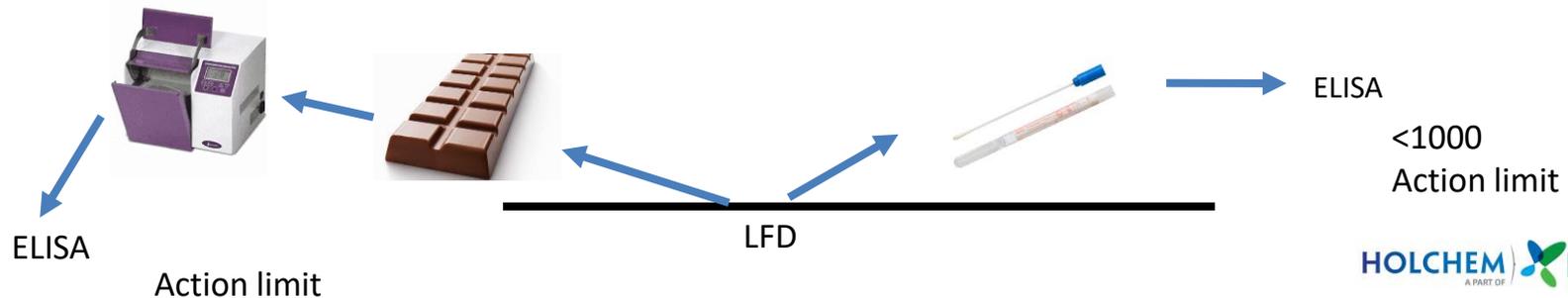
Test after detergent rinse

Below expected
 Above expected
 False negative
 NI No impact

Objectives and limits of detection

Objective	Desired in Product	Detected in Product	Desired on a Surface	Detected on a surface
<Vital Action Limit mg/kg (4ppm for peanut in a 50g chocolate bar)	<ppm (mg/kg, µg/g)	1-40 (0.1) ppm (ELISA peanut)	µg/ml (g) (swabbed size)	1 µg/25cm ² (LFD peanut)

To cross-contaminate from the surface to the food there is a transfer coefficient (not all allergen present on the surface will transfer to the food) and a dilution factor (the whole food portion is macerated as part of the allergen detection test and a small subset of the macerated sample is actually analysed). For the swab there is also a transfer coefficient, but the swab suspension fluid is directly sampled.



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- Influence of product
 - Strongest adhering soil
 - Highest level of allergen
 - Most significant allergen
 - Most likely subsequent allergen free product to pick up an allergen
- Influence of process
 - Longest process time
 - Highest temperature
 - Product scheduling
 - Time before cleaning
- Determine soiling worst-case scenario



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Prospective validation – (Steps 1-5)

Evidence of capability under expected, worst case scenarios.

Experimental approach for new processes

Concurrent validation – (Steps 1-5)

Evidence of capability under current, worst case scenarios.

Experimental approach for existing processes

Retrospective validation – (Steps 1, 4, 5)

Evidence of capability from existing, historical data

Validation protocol

- Scope, Objective, Responsibilities
- Identification of the equipment, process line
- Hygienic design assessment
- Worst case scenarios
- (Draft) CIC/SOP
- Number of cleaning cycles to be performed (3 min?)
- Sampling points, procedures and analytical methods
- Sign-off sheet for parameters and procedure compliance

The image shows three examples of cleaning validation record forms. Each form is titled 'Holchem Cleaning Validation Record - Open Plant'. The forms contain various sections for recording cleaning parameters, results, and signatures. The first form on the left has a table for recording cleaning cycles with columns for 'Production Variation', 'Visible Cleaning', 'Total of Production', and 'Periodic Cleaning'. The second form in the middle has a table for recording cleaning cycles with columns for 'Production Variation', 'Visible Cleaning', 'Total of Production', and 'Periodic Cleaning'. The third form on the right has a table for recording cleaning cycles with columns for 'Production Variation', 'Visible Cleaning', 'Total of Production', and 'Periodic Cleaning'. Each form also includes sections for 'Cleaning Objectives', 'Cleaning Parameters', and 'Cleaning Results'.

Template example



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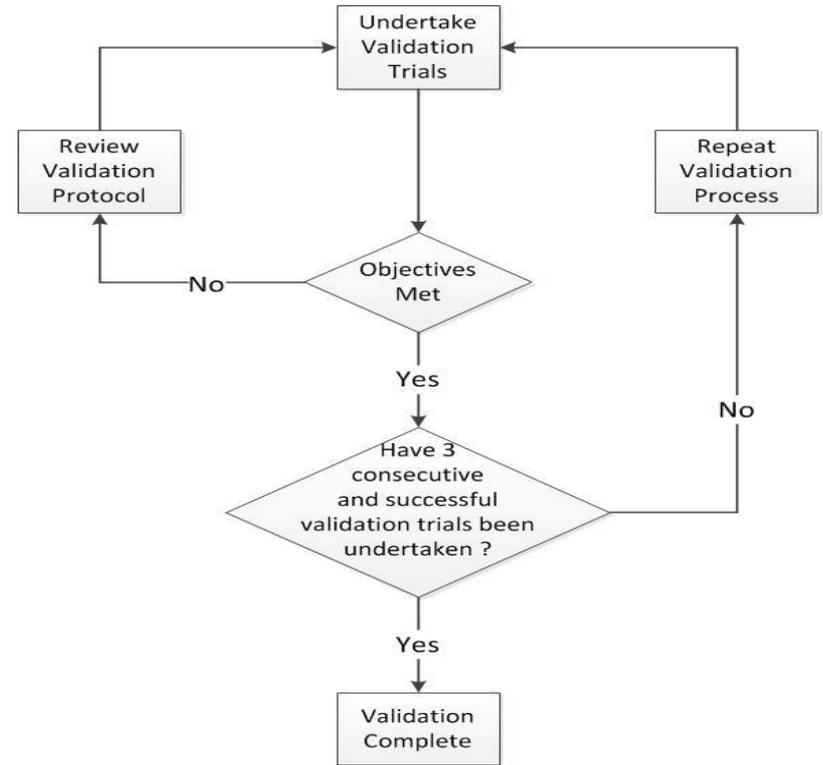
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- Clean quality
- Evidence

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- Date of validation and persons involved
- Cleaning and disinfection programme (SOP/CIC)
 - Sign-off sheets/photos/records (reviewed by technical)
 - Cleaning measurements (times, temps, conc., flow etc.)
- Deviations and corrective actions
- Target setting (critical points for monitoring and verification)
- Develop as cleaning KPI's – e.g. average ATP result plus a comfort factor, dependent on data variability (e.g. 3 times standard deviation)

Cleaning validation report – CIP Example



CIP Validation



Tank 4

Cleaning validation is undertaken to demonstrate that a cleaning and disinfection programme has been designed to meet the objective of the clean and that when undertaken correctly, meets these objectives. It is thus proof, based on physical testing, that the designed cleaning and disinfection programme works.

The objectives of a cleaning and disinfection programme can be threefold-

- To control a hazard such as a pathogen or an allergen
- To control a brand protection issue such as the presence of meat in a product labelled suitable for vegetarians
- To prevent quality and organoleptic issues in subsequent products e.g. the presence of previous products, colours or taints, or to promote process control or safety e.g. prevent fouling of heat exchangers.

Cleaning validation is not directly a legal requirement but is seen as food manufacturing best practice.

Validation must be undertaken on a minimum of three occasions

Consideration should be given to the timings of the three validation runs, including:

- New equipment
- Seasonal influences
- Production influences
- Scheduling influences

Validation Team					
	Team Leader	Member	Member	Member	Member
Name	Rose Wild	Lily Green	Daisy Brown	Poppy Smith	
Responsibility	Technical <i>MGC</i>	QA	Engineering	Production <i>MGC</i>	

Validation Approval	
Name	James McDougal
Job Title	Site Manager
Date	20 th February 2014
Signature	<i>J. McDougal</i>

Background Information	
Validation Scope	High Core
Process Area	Main Production Hall
Equipment	Tank 4
Products	Soups / Sauces
Solling Characteristics (tick as appropriate)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hardest Soling / Product to Clean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Longest Process Time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Highest Temperature Processing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Longest Time Before CIP Commences
Hazard (tick as appropriate)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microbial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allergenic <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical <input type="checkbox"/> Brand Protection (DNA)
CIP Set	CIP Set: Gomma Set Programme Name: Tank 4 – Coastic / Acid Max Pipe Diameter: N/A Water Hardness: Z50ppm
Health & Safety Requirements (tick as appropriate)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MSDS Available <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COSHH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Risk Assessments
Cleaning Type (tick as appropriate)	<input type="checkbox"/> Production Handover <input type="checkbox"/> Interim Cleaning <input type="checkbox"/> End of Production <input type="checkbox"/> Periodic Cleaning
Hygienic Design Assessment (tick as appropriate)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CE Marked <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suitable Materials of Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Grade Replacement Parts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food Grade Lubricants <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hygiene Maintenance Schedule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shadow Zones Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spray device suitable (if applicable)
CIP Set (tick as appropriate)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Instrumentation Calibrated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pumps / Valves Serviced <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Turbulent Flow Achievable (if applicable)
Legislative Requirements (tick as appropriate)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BPR Compliant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disinfectant - BS EN1276 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disinfectant - BS EN13697

Cleaning Parameters					
Stage	Parameter	Set Point	09/01/14	18/01/14	11/02/14
Pre Rinse	Time	3:00s	2:30s	2:30s	2:30s
	Temperature	Ambient	24°C	21°C	22°C
	Flow Rate	8,000 l/hr	7,800 l/hr	7,800 l/hr	7,800 l/hr
	Time	1250s	1050s	1240s	1280s
Detergent - <i>Caustak</i>	Temperature	68°C	70°C	71°C	68°C
	Flow Rate	8,000/hr	7,800 l/hr	7,800 l/hr	7,800 l/hr
	Chemical Strength	38 - 42mS	42mS	40mS	44mS
	Time	300s	300s	310s	305s
Inter Rinse	Temperature	Ambient	22°C	21°C	20°C
	Flow Rate	8,000/hr	7,800 l/hr	7,800 l/hr	7,800 l/hr
	Time	1250s	1250s	1200s	1280s
	Temperature	Ambient	22°C	21°C	20°C
Acid Cycle - <i>Diuac</i>	Flow Rate	8,000/hr	7,800 l/hr	7,800 l/hr	7,800 l/hr
	Chemical Strength	3 - 4% v/v	3.2%	3.0%	3.3%
	Time	300s	300s	305s	305s
	Temperature	Ambient	22°C	23°C	20°C
Final Rinse	Flow Rate	8,000/hr	7,800 l/hr	7,800 l/hr	7,800 l/hr
	Time	300s	310s	300s	288s
	Temperature	Ambient	22°C	21°C	19°C
	Flow Rate	8,000/hr	7,800 l/hr	7,800 l/hr	7,800 l/hr
Disinfectant - Perbac	Chemical Strength	250 ppm	200ppm	220ppm	250ppm
	Start Time	14:02	14:15	14:08	
	End Time	15:10	15:22	15:12	
	Total Time	68m	67m	64m	

Surface Swab Testing					
Tank Internals	Test	Limits	09/01/14	18/01/14	11/02/14
	TVC	$\times 10^4 \text{ cfu/cm}^2$			
	Enterobacteriaceae	$\times 10^4 \text{ cfu/cm}^2$			
	Allergen	$\times 10^4 \text{ cfu/cm}^2$			
	ATP	$\times 10^4 \text{ cfu}$			
	DNA				
	<Other>				
Paddle Undersides	Test	Limits			
	TVC	$\times 10^4 \text{ cfu/cm}^2$			
	Enterobacteriaceae	$\times 10^4 \text{ cfu/cm}^2$			
	Allergen	$\times 10^4 \text{ cfu/cm}^2$			
	ATP	$\times 10^4 \text{ cfu}$			
	DNA				
	<Other>				
Outfeed Valve	Test	Limits			
	TVC	$\times 10^4 \text{ cfu/cm}^2$			
	Enterobacteriaceae	$\times 10^4 \text{ cfu/cm}^2$			
	Allergen	$\times 10^4 \text{ cfu/cm}^2$			
	ATP	$\times 10^4 \text{ cfu}$			
	DNA				
	<Other>				
Outfeed Pipe	Test	Limits			
	TVC	$\times 10^4 \text{ cfu/cm}^2$			
	Enterobacteriaceae	$\times 10^4 \text{ cfu/cm}^2$			
	Allergen	$\times 10^4 \text{ cfu/cm}^2$			
	ATP	$\times 10^4 \text{ cfu}$			
	DNA				
	<Other>				

Allergen interpretation

No allergen in product

Essential for a **pass**

Allergen in product

Re-design cleaning programme

If not possible, risk assess product.

May choose to use '**may contain**' label

No allergen on a surface by lab. ELISA

No allergen on a surface by LFD

Pass

Allergen on a surface by lab. ELISA

No allergen on a surface by LFD

Risk assess

Allergen on a surface by LFD

Re-design cleaning programme

May choose to use '**may contain**' label

Maintaining validated state

- Monitor
 - Visual cleanliness sign-off sheets
 - ATP, protein
 - Lateral flow strips
- Verification
 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd party audits
 - Operative training records
- Records

Hazard (e.g. allergen)/hygiene method correlation

1. ATP positive, allergen negative - OK
2. ATP negative, allergen negative – possible OK
3. ATP negative, allergen detected – cannot use ATP to validate allergen clean

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- Periodic review to reflect slow changes in process and equipment – e.g. equipment surface wear. At least biannually
- To fit in with HACCP/prerequisite management schedules
- Following any change in:-
 - Ingredients
 - Product
 - Process
 - Equipment
 - CIP programme deviations
 - Routine/Increased KPI failure (negative quality or safety trends)
 - Cleaning and disinfection SOP
 - Process line shut-down and overhaul
 - New knowledge or legislation (e.g. allergen thresholds)

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COURSE RUN ON MICROSOFT® TEAMS

Due to the current Coronavirus pandemic and the restrictions on unnecessary travel and social distancing, we are pleased to be able to offer this Level 4 - Validation training via Microsoft Teams.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The course gives detailed and practical training for Technical Teams and Hygiene Managers and Supervisors who are directly involved with the validation and verification of open plant and cleaning in place regimes within food and drinks manufacturing environments.

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