Seafood Processing Standard

Summary of Key Standard Requirement Changes from Issue 5.1 to 6.0

Note: This document summarizes the key changes in standard requirements that facilities must meet from Issue 5.1 to the newly designed Issue 6.0.

- The structure of the standard has been reformatted to include a core requirement for all processing plants. Separate modules have been created to accommodate production processes that extend beyond the core requirements. Any modules within a facility's scope will be assessed as part of the SPS audit. (All Sections)
- Edited the text of the clauses for clarity of language (All Sections)
- Removed duplicate clauses (All Sections where applicable)
- Structured clauses to improve auditability (All Clauses where applicable)
- Added additional regulatory requirements to section C1
- Added clause requirements to include elements of food safety culture to section C2
- Updated standard to include new GFSI V2020.1 requirements
- New guidance has been written for 6.0
- Traceability requirements have been revised to improve efficiency of the audit (section 8.0)
- Environmental verification parameters have been revised C3
- The water testing requirements have been modified (Section 3.11)
- The social accountability and employee health requirements have been augmented to reflect the most recent best practices. (Sections 5 and 6)
- Added clarification and guidance on laboratory testing (Section 4.5)
- Employee training requirements have been consolidated (Section 6.5.1)
- Effluent Values required for facilities discharging into natural bodies of water have been revised
- Dissolved Oxygen values for Effluent samples have been changed from an optional data point to a required monitoring point.
- Requirements on finished product testing have been revised to be based on risk
- Development of Vanguard Enhanced Social Standards as an add-on module to allow facilities to achieve an exceptional Social and Ethical rating through certification recognition.