



Pest Control

FSKN 5

GFSI Basic Level

- The organisation shall ensure controls are in place to reduce or eliminate the risk of pest infestation (including rodents, insects and birds)

Criteria

- The importance of pest control
- Prevention
- The control of pests
- Monitoring

Pests

- A pest is an animal which lives in or on food
 - Rats
 - Mice
 - Insects- cockroaches, flies, ants
 - Stored product pests- larder beetles, weevils, flour moths
 - Reptiles- lizards
 - Birds
 - Animals attacked by pests- cats and dogs



The Importance of Pest Control

- Pose hazards in relations to
 - Biological – carriers of serious virus and bacterial contamination
 - Physical- contamination by body parts, hair, urine, droppings, and eggs
 - Cost of wastage
- Rodents, insects and birds

Pest Habitats

- Pests require
 - Security
 - Shelter
 - Food and water
- Denial of any of the requirements will assist with the control of pests

Prevention

- There are two factors for prevention
 1. Denial of access- proofing, screening of windows, curtains on doors and sealing of holes
 2. Denial of food and shelter- good hygiene and cleanliness



Signs of Infestation

- Live animals
- Dead animals
- Droppings
- Damaged packaging
- Smell
- Smears/discolouration on walls
- Holes in fabrication
- Larvae/pupae
- Eggs
- Webbing
- Piles of debris



Good Hygiene

- Factory kept clean
- Effective waste control
- Food in preparation kept covered
- Clean spillages quickly and effectively
- No food left outside the facility
- External shelter denied
- Food stored off the floor and away from walls
- Raw materials checked upon intake and during storage
- Food stored in pest proof containers
- Drains kept clean and screened

The Control of Pests

- Physical Control
 - electric fly killers, rodent traps, sticky fly strips, curtains, bird screens and pheromone traps
- Chemical
 - rodenticides, insecticides, and fumigates

Pest Contractor Inspections

- Review the work of pest control contractors
- Where a pest contractor carries out inspections this should include premises condition and baiting station assessment
- In the event that a pest control contractor makes observations and recommendations it is **your** responsibility to ensure corrective actions are undertaken

Monitoring

- Understand your raw materials and likely associated pests
- Inspect incoming raw materials on intake
- If there is a serious problem with infestation take professional advice
- Inspect the facility regularly and record these inspections
- Work with staff to make sure they understand the need for hygiene and cleanliness

QUESTIONS?



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