

A Practical Guide to Meeting Customer Certification Demands



# Why Are Customers Asking for GFSI and SMETA?

Retailers and buyers are raising expectations. While Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) is a strong foundation, many now require certification under Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI)-recognized schemes and/or third-party audits like SMETA.

What's driving the shift?

• Stronger food safety controls

What's the Difference?

- Responsible sourcing and labor practices
- Globally recognized certifications

# stay compliant and competitive.

Program	Focus	Recognized by GFSI?	Required by Customers?
Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP)	Basic food safety practices	8	Sometimes
GSFI-recognized schemes (e.g. SQF, BRCGS, GRMA (455-2), FSSC 22000)	Comprehensive food safety + risk systems		Frequently
SMETA (Sedex)	Ethical labor, environment, business practices	(but widely accepted)	Frequently

# **How Eurofins Assurance Can Help You Make the Transition**

#### 1. GAP ASSESSMENT

We evaluate your current GMP system and identify what's needed to meet your desired standard.

## 2. CUSTOM TRANSITION PLAN

A step-by-step roadmap tailored to your timeline, resources, and goals.

#### 3. STAFF TRAINING

Support for building internal expertise and audit readiness.

#### 4. SCHEME SELECTION SUPPORT

We'll help you choose the right certification based on your industry, customers, and product type.

Upgrading from GMP helps you

## 5. AUDIT PREP & PRE-ASSESSMENTS

We ensure you're fully prepared before the official certification audit.

If customers are asking for GFSI or SMETA, the time to act is now. The earlier you begin, the smoother the process.

We're here to help you navigate the transition from GMP to GFSI and meet the growing demands for ethical sourcing.

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