

# GLUTEN-FREE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Did you know that the new Gluten-Free Certification Program (version 3) was published in February 2019 by BRCGF. As of August 1, 2019, all GFCP audits will be conducted with the new version of the program. Are you ready?

## WHAT IS THE GFCP?

The Gluten-Free Certification Program (GFCP) is the only program offered on a voluntary basis to gluten-free food, drugs and pharmaceuticals manufacturers recommended in Canada and the United States by the two main organizations namely the Canadian Celiac Association (CCA) and Beyond Celiac (formerly the National Foundation for Celiac Awareness):

- > Simple and safe identification of gluten-free products as opposed to company self- declarations;
- > The only certification program that satisfies and exceeds government rules for gluten-free labeling claims;
- > Aligned with proven and internationally recognized food safety standards such as HACCP and GFSI.



**Eurofins EnvironeX,  
A preferred partner of the Gluten-Free Certification  
Program offering support services**

OUR ENGAGEMENT  
TOWARDS QUALITY



- ACCURACY OF RESULTS
- RESPECTING TURNAROUND TIMES
- QUALITY CONTROL PROGRAMS

- TRAINED PERSONNEL TO MEET THE HIGHEST QUALITY STANDARDS



Eurofins Environex employs a group of experts in its Agri-food consultation division, that are trained and recognized by the Allergen Control Group Inc. (ACG) to help manufacturers implement the Gluten-Free Certification Program.

## Eurofins Environex provides guidance to introduce the Gluten-free Certification Program (GFCP)

- > Our consultants are trained to help agri-food, pharmaceutical and natural health products manufacturers implement the program.
- > They will assess your food safety and quality systems and help you draw up an action plan to establish the GFCP standard's requirements.
- > They can also develop in full your gluten-control management program.
- > Personalized training material can be developed for your industry and training is provided to the various stakeholders.
- > A gluten detection sampling and analytical program can be set up and our accredited laboratories can conduct gluten analytical tests on your inputs, finished products and the environment.
- > Our experts will help you prepare for the certification audit.

## GFCP Advantages and Benefits

The GFCP is based on a risk management approach :

- > The GFCP reinforces the message that products displaying the logo are safe and gluten-free when used jointly with analytical tests for inputs, manufacturing and finished products.
- > The GFCP can effectively become part of your food safety and quality program and it's annual audit can be carried out jointly with your HACCP or GFSI audit.
- > Annual certification audits are performed by independent, ISO accredited licensed certification bodies whose approved auditors are trained to ensure the safety of gluten-free products. This third-party relationship is required to eliminate any potential conflict of interest.
- > As opposed to other gluten-free claims, the GFCP standard does not rely solely on analytical testing results.
- > Displays a trademark recognized in Canada and the United-States.



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