

## Ensuring Value from Third-Party Audits

As a recent article, "[Food Problems Elude Private Inspections](#)" illustrated, audits are a critical part of a comprehensive and safe food testing and sourcing program. But to add value, they must be conducted by independent, experienced and certified audit specialists. With experienced auditors in all the major producing countries, STR can effectively audit every aspect of the production process.

### **STR Audit Services for the Food Industry**

STR conducts independent audits at over 100,000 facilities a year, from factories and warehouses to stores and distribution centers across the globe. We provide a level of detail that informs and enables brand managers, compliance officers and QA specialists to make decisions that directly impact brand credibility and product marketability.

### **Current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) Audits**

Our Current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) provide essential information, allowing companies like yours to make informed decisions that help ensure safe and effective quality systems-both internally and throughout the supply chain.

STR's cGMP Audits, conducted by certified audit specialists, assessed best practices relating to methods, equipment, facilities, and product controls, specifically in regulated industries such as food and food packaging.

### **Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) Audits**

Quality assurance begins with prevention. That's why STR employs a team of experts experienced in conducting Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) Audits for the food products industry. Through independent audits, our specialists provide companies with an in-depth review of their HACCP plan to identify and manage risk-anywhere in the supply chain.

STR's certified auditors inspect your products, unit operations, and requisite documentation-in plants, distribution centers, warehouses, retail stores, and food service establishments-to ensure that the HACCP plan is meeting all seven principles: hazard analysis, critical control points determination, specification of critical limits, establishment and implementation of monitoring systems, execution of corrective actions, verification of the system, and record keeping.