

Supplier Approval Program Statement

National Sugar Marketing (“NSM”) and its Partners have jointly implemented supplier approval programs. These programs cover incoming materials such as ingredients, sugar, packaging, and processing aids.

The Supplier Approval Program was developed using FDA guidance and demonstrates compliance with the requirements established by our certification standards, customer expectations, and Federal Regulations outlined in 21 C.F.R. § 117.405-475. The Program ensures that all sugar products and processing inputs undergo a risk assessment and food safety evaluation before sourcing. The Program instructs receiving facilities on procedures for inspecting and receiving materials to ensure materials are sourced from approved suppliers, only quality products are received in good conditions, products are secured during transport, and that traceability is maintained from supplier to manufacturer. NSM and its Partners conduct verification activities that include obtaining and reviewing third-party audits of all suppliers that would influence our products’ safety or quality. The program consists of corporate policy, raw material risk assessments, approved supplier documentation, documented procedures for receipt and inspection, traceability exercises, supplier complaint records and inspections documented in records.

To ensure that the Program functions as intended and to meet continuous improvement objectives, NSM and its Partners participate in annual verification activities that include raw material traceability exercises. The Program is additionally reviewed annually as part of NSM’s annual system review.

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