

APPLICATION OF HACCP PRINCIPLES FOR THE MEAT INDUSTRY

GUIDANCE SHEET NO: 4

OBTAINING MANAGEMENT COMMITMENT PRELIMINARIES FOR HACCP



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The preparation and effective implementation of a HACCP system requires both time and effort not just on the part of the HACCP development team but also by everyone who is involved in the preparation and handling of your food product.

It is essential that the senior management team of the food business are fully committed to the development and implementation of HACCP

There must be a clear written statement (on record) by management which commits their support to the process this is known as the “Statement of Management Commitment”.

STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT COMMITMENT

It is best for the commitment to be made in the form of a clear written statement of management support for the HACCP process which gives authority to the HACCP team and can be referred to in staff briefings and training sessions.

It would also be helpful to include details of the resources that will be made available for the process. You can also include the commitment to HACCP within a broader food safety policy that you make available to both staff and customers, for example on your website, to demonstrate your determination to develop and implement an effective food safety management system.

KEY FEATURES OF THE STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT COMMITMENT

The statement of management commitment should be a written agreement by the senior management team of the food business to cooperate fully in the:

- Allocation of sufficient staff resources to complete the HACCP study and implement the HACCP system;
- Recruitment of any specialist staff needed to support the HACCP team;
- Raising awareness of the HACCP process with all staff and provide sufficient training to those directly involved in the study;
- Involvement of members of the management team as necessary;
- A commitment to provide timely management decisions as required by the HACCP team to facilitate the development and implementation of the HACCP;
- Purchase of additional equipment as required to ensure the effective operation of the HACCP system.