

Food Safety in Distribution and Warehousing (GDP) Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Food processing and Technology	Duration	10 Days
Base Fee	\$3,000 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the principles of Good Distribution Practices (GDP) in food safety
2. Explore food safety regulations and global compliance standards
3. Learn effective hygiene and sanitation measures in warehousing operations
4. Develop risk management strategies for contamination prevention
5. Implement temperature control and monitoring systems in food storage
6. Apply traceability systems for product tracking in supply chains
7. Evaluate pest control programs within distribution facilities
8. Enhance employee training and awareness in food safety protocols
9. Design warehouse layouts to reduce contamination risks
10. Strengthen transportation safety and handling procedures
11. Establish robust audit and inspection systems for compliance
12. Incorporate digital technologies and IoT solutions in GDP management
13. Build a culture of continuous improvement in food safety and quality

Organizational Benefits

- Improved compliance with international GDP and food safety standards
- Enhanced consumer trust and brand reputation
- Reduced risks of food contamination and costly recalls
- Optimized warehouse design and operational efficiency
- Stronger supplier and logistics partner relationships
- Increased traceability and transparency across supply chains
- Improved employee competence and safety awareness
- Minimized product wastage and financial losses
- Competitive advantage in global food supply markets
- Strengthened risk management and business continuity plans

Target Audiences

1. Warehouse managers and supervisors
2. Quality assurance professionals
3. Food safety officers and auditors
4. Logistics and distribution managers
5. Compliance and regulatory officers
6. Supply chain managers and coordinators
7. Transportation and fleet supervisors
8. Professionals aspiring to specialize in food safety and GDP

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Food Safety in Distribution and Warehousing

- Importance of GDP in food supply chains
- International and national regulatory frameworks
- Key risks in distribution and warehousing
- Overview of food safety management systems
- Introduction to global best practices
- Case Study: Lessons from global food safety failures

Module 2: Principles of Good Distribution Practices (GDP)

- Definition and scope of GDP
- Compliance requirements in food distribution
- Documentation and record-keeping essentials
- GDP certification processes
- Key performance indicators for GDP compliance
- Case Study: Achieving GDP certification in a food warehouse

Module 3: Hygiene and Sanitation in Warehousing

- Cleaning and sanitation protocols
- Hygiene zoning in food warehouses
- Employee hygiene standards
- Waste management practices
- Monitoring sanitation effectiveness
- Case Study: Successful sanitation program in a dairy warehouse

Module 4: Risk Management and Hazard Prevention

- Identifying potential hazards in warehousing
- Risk assessment frameworks
- Preventive control strategies
- Emergency response planning
- Root cause analysis in contamination events
- Case Study: Risk management in cold storage facilities

Module 5: Temperature Control and Monitoring

- Temperature-sensitive food products
- Cold chain management principles
- Monitoring equipment and calibration
- Temperature data logging systems
- Transportation temperature control
- Case Study: Cold chain management for perishable foods

Module 6: Traceability and Tracking Systems

- Importance of traceability in food safety
- Barcoding and RFID technologies
- Blockchain in supply chain transparency

- Recall readiness and execution
- Regulatory traceability requirements
- Case Study: Blockchain implementation in food supply chains

Module 7: Pest Control Programs in Warehousing

- Common pests in food storage facilities
- Integrated pest management systems
- Preventive structural measures
- Monitoring and inspection practices
- Chemical vs non-chemical control methods
- Case Study: Pest outbreak management in a warehouse

Module 8: Employee Training and Competency Development

- Training needs analysis for food safety staff
- Developing effective training programs
- Competency assessment techniques
- Continuous learning and refresher programs
- Role of leadership in training culture
- Case Study: Employee training success in a distribution center

Module 9: Warehouse Layout and Design for Food Safety

- Importance of proper facility design
- Storage zoning and segregation practices
- Ventilation and lighting considerations
- Material handling equipment and safety
- Minimizing cross-contamination risks
- Case Study: Warehouse redesign for compliance

Module 10: Transportation and Handling Procedures

- Vehicle hygiene and maintenance
- Loading and unloading procedures
- Packaging integrity and labeling
- Transport documentation requirements
- Safe handling of temperature-sensitive products
- Case Study: Transportation failures leading to product spoilage

Module 11: Auditing and Inspection Systems

- Internal vs external audits
- Key elements of warehouse inspections
- Audit checklists for GDP compliance
- Handling non-conformities and corrective actions
- Preparing for regulatory inspections
- Case Study: Audit compliance in a multinational food company

Module 12: Digital Technologies in Food Safety

- Role of IoT in warehousing operations

- Automation in food distribution centers
- Digital monitoring and reporting systems
- Artificial intelligence in supply chain risk management
- Data security and confidentiality
- Case Study: IoT solutions in food logistics

Module 13: Continuous Improvement in Food Safety

- Building a quality culture in organizations
- Lean principles in warehouse operations
- Kaizen and Six Sigma applications
- Key metrics for continuous improvement
- Benchmarking with industry leaders
- Case Study: Continuous improvement success in food warehousing

Module 14: Global Compliance and Certification Standards

- Overview of ISO standards in food safety
- HACCP and GDP integration
- Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) benchmarks
- EU and FDA distribution requirements
- Certification processes and audits
- Case Study: Global certification journey of a food exporter

Module 15: Capstone Case Studies and Practical Applications

- Comprehensive review of course concepts
- Real-world global case studies on GDP failures and successes
- Group discussion and problem-solving exercises
- Developing an action plan for implementation
- Presentation of practical solutions by participants
- Case Study: Multinational case review of food safety distribution failures

Training Methodology

- Instructor-led interactive lectures
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions
- Real-world case study analysis
- Practical workshops and role plays
- Quizzes, assessments, and knowledge checks
- Hands-on exercises with industry tools and templates

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- a. The participant must be conversant with English.
- b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Online	\$2,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$3,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	\$0
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