



Prerequisite Programme Training Guide

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Prerequisite Definition

A prerequisite is something that is required or necessary as a prior condition.

Prerequisite programmes create base conditions for the hygienic production of food.

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Prerequisite Programmes

Prerequisite programmes are put in place for hazards not reasonably likely to occur. There should be justification as to why the potential hazard is not significant.

Pre-requisite programmes such as Good Agricultural Practice, Good Manufacturing Practice, Good Storage Practice, Good Distribution Practice and Good Hygienic Practice must be working effectively within the system before HACCP is applied. If these pre-requisite programmes are not functioning effectively then the introduction of HACCP will be complicated, resulting in a cumbersome, over-documented system.

Operational Prerequisite programmes are put in place for significant hazards that are not controlled in the HACCP plan at Critical Control Points.

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