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# 2019-nCov | WUHAN CORONAVIRUS

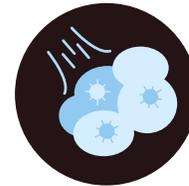## Symptoms

High fever

Cough

Sore throat

Head ache

## Contagion

Air by cough or sneeze

Personal contact

Contaminated objects

Animal contact

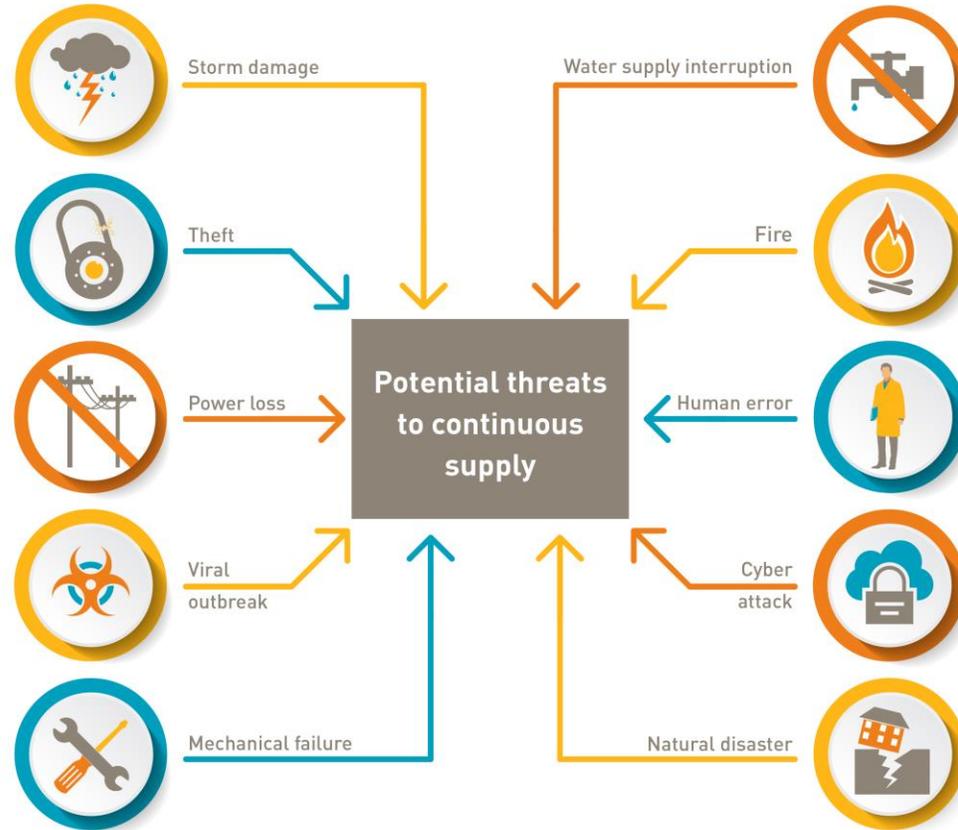## Prevention

Wash your hands often

Wear a face mask

Avoid contact with sick people

Always cover your cough or sneeze

# THE TOP BUSINESS CONTINUITY THREATS TODAY

Storm damage

Water supply interruption

Theft

Fire

Power loss

**Potential threats to continuous supply**

Human error

Viral outbreak

Cyber attack

Mechanical failure

Natural disaster

1. Global Pandemic
2. Natural Disasters
3. Man-Made Disasters
4. Utility Failures
5. Intentional Sabotage
6. Cyber Attacks & Data Breach

*Many people think that COVID-19 has accelerated the digital transformation of the supply chain.*

**DO YOU AGREE?**

IAF ID 3:2011 Informative Document for Management of Extraordinary Events or Circumstances Affecting ABs, CABs and Certified Organizations - The IAF's statement on COVID-19, can be found here.  IAF statement on COVID-19

# REMOTE AUDITING

## BENEFITS, ADVANTAGES & FEATURES OF REMOTE AUDITING

### PROS

**R.O.I.**

Save time and money with the use of virtual and remote technology.

**EFFICIENCY**

Your audit team and our auditor are more efficient, and logistics streamlined.

**AVOID TRAVEL**

Most data is accessible from anywhere, such as cloud portals, reduce time and cost commuting

**SAFE & SECURE**

Controls at Your Fingertips to Ensure Your Meetings Are **Secure** and **Safe**.

### CONS

**APPROVAL**

Remote audits are not approved by some Certification and Accreditation Bodies

**TECHNOLOGY**

At time, there can be issues with technology depending on location and type used.

**LACK OF INVOLVEMENT**

Process owners who become unavailable due to having a meeting already scheduled, or even lack of attention from the auditees

# GFSI CURRENT POSTION ON REMOTE AUDITS AND ICT



The full position can be read here.

# GFSI

**The Group's Mandate**

The objectives of the Working Group of Academics will be to:

1. Review evidence offered as to the efficacy of audits and inspections using ICT in guaranteeing a similar outcome to traditional onsite audits;
2. Clarify different types of usage of ICT i.e. replacement/enhancement of regimes based upon site visits;
3. Consider the criteria by which the use of ICT in food safety audits could be considered an effective alternative to onsite audits.

# GFSI

**Call for Evidence**

The Group invites interested parties to submit evidence regarding the use of ICT in assuring food safety either through audits facilitated by ICT, or through alternative uses of ICT that render the process less dependent upon traditional site visits.  We would like to receive:

- Experiences of using video/remote meetings to facilitate food safety audits;
- Evaluations of the impact of using video/remote meetings to facilitate audits on food safety;
- Evaluations of the impact of other uses of technologies on food safety audits;
- Evaluations of the impact of other uses of Information and Communication Technologies on food safety audits;
- Evidence of the barriers to the adoption of technology by food businesses, particularly smaller businesses and in locations with limited technological infrastructure.

# Scheme Specific Requirements & Options

- **GFSI ACCREDITED**

- **NON-GFSI –** BRCGS, SQF, FSSC

- **2$^{nd}$ Party**

# SQF – Remote activities

- Can be used for initial, recertification, and surveillance audit but cannot be used for unannounced.

- Minimum of half the audit duration shall be on-site for Stage 2 and Recertification.

- The audit plan shall reflect the type of remote activities and when they were conducted

- There shall be no more than 30 days between the use of ICT activities and the completion of the on-site audit.

- Any non-conformances that have been identified during the remote or on-site audit activities shall be considered a non-conformance to the final audit report and calculated as such.

# BRCGS Food safety & Packaging Materials

- Blended audits only available for announced recertification after PJRFSI risk assessment.

- The audit plan shall highlight which documents will be needed remotely.

- The remote audit duration shall not exceed **50**%

- The onsite audit shall be conducted within 28 days of the remote audit in a way that the site has enough time for non-conformity closure and the certification decision can take place within 42 days of onsite audit.

- Any NCRs identified during the remote audit and onsite audit shall be submitted to the certification body within 28 days of the onsite audit.

- The audit report audit type should be Blended Announced

# FSSC 22000

- Available for initial (Stage 1 Remote/Stage 2 onsite), surveillance and recertification audits

- The remote audit will typically be 1 day and the onsite verification audit the remainder of the total duration of the regular annual audit. The onsite audit cannot be less than 1 day and shall at least be 50% of the total audit duration.

- When compiling the audit plan for the remote audit, consideration should be given to appropriate durations and allow for more frequent breaks to enhance attention and reduce eye-strain. These breaks cannot be counted towards audit time.

- The maximum timeline between the remote audit and the on-site audit shall not exceed 30 calendar days.

- In all instances where ICT utilized is not functioning properly or preventing/hampering a robust audit, the audit shall be aborted, and suitable follow-up actions determined.

# PrimusGFS & GlobalG.A.P.

- Offsite Module – document review done up to 4 week prior to onsite audit

  - Type of documentation that can be reviewed in advance include S.O.P.'s, procedures, risk assessments, HACCP plans, etc.

  - Any identified non-conformance at the off-site module would contribute to the overall score of the audit.

- Non-GFSI Fully Remote Audits

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