



NSF International Expands Food Safety Certification Services in UK and Ireland with Acquisition of Knight International Inspectorate

NSF International and Knight customers benefit from integrated food quality certification services tailored to the local, regional and global markets.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., USA and NORTHWICH, UK (November 11, 2014) – Global public health organisation NSF International has acquired Knight International Inspectorate. The acquisition strengthens NSF International's integrated food safety and quality auditing and certification services in the UK and Ireland while providing customers in the region access to an enhanced range of auditing and certification services.

Knight International Inspectorate is a UKAS (United Kingdom Accreditation Service) - accredited certification company specialising in a variety of food safety certifications. They include, GFSI (Global Food Safety Initiative) and ISO quality management systems certification and specific industry schemes such as RSPO (Round Table Sustainable Palm Oil), FSSC 22000 (Food & Packaging) and PS 9000 (Pharmaceutical Standard).

The organisation will be known as NSF Knight and the staff and location will remain in Northwich under the leadership of Phillip Knight as Managing Director of NSF Knight.

NSF Knight customers will continue to benefit from highly integrated food safety and quality certification services including GFSI-benchmarked standards bundled with ISO 9000 (quality management systems), ISO 14000 (environmental management systems), OHSAS 18001 (occupational health and safety) and ISO 50001 (energy management systems). Bundling these programmes provides cost and time savings to companies operating in the UK and Ireland as well as multinational organisations with operations in this region.

“Because of NSF International’s 70 years of excellence in food safety and quality our customers in the UK and Ireland now have access to greater range of auditing and certification services on a global scale,” said Phillip Knight, Managing Director of NSF Knight.

Additionally, Knight customers will gain access to a broad array of food safety testing, auditing, certification and training services as well as specialist knowledge in areas like agriculture, horticulture and seafood.

“For more than 30 years, Knight has built an exceptional team of experts known for their outstanding customer service and technical excellence and together we will provide unmatched farm to fork food safety and quality services that support the growth of our customers locally as well as globally,” said David Richardson, Vice President - Europe, the Middle East and Africa, NSF International Global Food Division.

To learn more about the NSF Global Food Division, visit the [NSF Food Safety website](#) or contact Dan Fone at foodsafetysolutions@nsf.org or +1.734.214.6241.

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About Knight: Located in Northwich UK, Knight International Inspectorate Ltd provides high quality certifications for food safety and quality including GFSI (Global Food Safety Initiative), ISO Quality Management Systems Certification and specific industry schemes such as RSPO (Round Table Sustainable Palm Oil), FSSC 22000 (Food & Packaging) and PS 9000 (Pharmaceutical Standard).

About NSF International: NSF International is a global independent organisation that writes standards, and tests and certifies products for the food, water and consumer goods industries to minimise adverse health effects and protect the environment (nsf.org). Founded in 1944, NSF is committed to protecting human health and safety worldwide.

The NSF Global Food Division provides expertise and accredited services across all supply chain sectors, from agriculture, produce, processing, distribution and dairy, to seafood, retail and restaurants. Services include Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) certification (SQF, BRC, GLOBALG.A.P., FSSC, IFS, Aquaculture Certification Council (ACC)), Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification, plus expert auditing, consulting and technical services, HACCP validation and inspection, and organic and gluten-free certification through QAI (Quality Assurance International). NSF is also the leading certifier of foodservice equipment, nonfood compounds and bottled water/beverages.