



To All Costco Produce Suppliers:

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Costco Wholesale places an extremely high importance on ensuring food safety for our members. In order to be clearer about the food safety expectations for our suppliers of produce, the Costco Produce Food Safety Audit Expectations and Addendum documents have been updated. These documents are effective June 1, 2017.

CHANGES - There are some significant changes, so be sure to read the documents carefully and if you have questions, you may contact your CB or Produce Food Safety at Costco. We realize there will be a learning curve, so thank you, in advance, for your patience and understanding.

NEW -

- Packinghouses, Processors and all other facilities will now be overseeing their Growers Audits.
- Facilities will need to follow-up with their growers to be sure they have the appropriate audits, that their audits are in Azzule and that their Corrective Actions have been completed to their satisfaction.
- The only Produce Food Safety Audits that Costco will oversee are Field-Packed produce and all Facilities.
- Only Field-Pack Growers and Facilities will continue to do the Costco Addendum, depending on their audit scheme. The audit scheme will determine the need for the Costco Addendum.
- The Harvest Crew and Growing Area Addendum are now combined.
- Growers not field-packing product will now be able to use the CB and Audit Scheme of their choice, to be mutually agreed on by the facility or facilities they supply.

All audits will still need to be accessible for Costco in Azzule; however the Supply Chain Program may now be utilized. Explanations and details are in the Costco Produce Expectations Document.

If applicable, please be sure to use the new Costco Addendum beginning June 1, 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact mdwyer@costco.com / 425.427.7474

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This link will take you to the 2017 Costco Produce Food Safety Audit Expectations and Addendum.

<http://www.azzule.com/services/costcoaddendumsandexpectations.aspx>

Best Regards,

Costco Wholesale

Food Safety - Produce Supplier Audits