



GFSI US-Canada Local Group

-- FOUNDED IN 2013 --



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ABOUT THE LOCAL GROUP

Founded in 2013, the US-Canada Local Group is comprised of food safety leaders from retail, manufacturing, and academia. 2018 saw a resurgence in activity and strategic prioritisation of initiatives. GFSI's commitment to the region was solidified with the investment in a new regional senior manager, Rishi Banerjee, who will oversee and coordinate the US-Canada Local Group's activities. This increased operational efficiency will propel the group into 2019 with great opportunity for growth.

In 2019, the US-Canada Local Group is focused on three key areas:

- **Increased awareness** of GFSI's focus on harmonisation and its recognised certification programmes.
- **Capability building** for small and medium enterprises

through the Global Markets Programme.

- **Public-Private Partnerships** by working together with regulators and government entities to promote local food safety and harmonise local/international standards with GFSI's benchmarking requirements.

In support of these priorities, the US-Canada Local Group has launched the "first of its kind" local Technical Working Group on E-Commerce. By focusing on the future, the group is interested in engaging innovative and disruptive players in the "new economy." Thirteen food safety leaders from industry and government will work to identify food safety risks, opportunities and areas for alignment in US and Canada. These recommendations will help launch a future global Technical Working Group on E-Commerce.



CURRENT STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Christine SUMMER - Costco
Jorge HERNANDEZ - Wendy's
Craig WILSON - Costco
Scott STILLWELL - Tyson
Mitch GILGOUR - SYSCO
Rosalind ZILS - 8th Avenue Foods
Cory HEDMAN - Meijer
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