



# Food Safety Auditor Training and Professional Development Framework

***Stakeholder  
Consultation Response***

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GFSI would like to thank all stakeholders for your invaluable contributions to the GFSI Food Safety Auditor Professional Development Framework stakeholder consultation.

The Food Safety Auditor Professional Development Framework (FSAPDF) represents a significant step toward enhancing the capability, consistency, and credibility of food safety auditors across the industry. This framework aims to address critical challenges, including the need for standardised professional development pathways, the recognition of diverse skill sets, and alignment with evolving regulatory and industry requirements.

As key stakeholders, your insights and feedback are integral to refining this framework to ensure it effectively supports food safety auditors, protects public health, and strengthens trust in food safety systems.

The consultation process provided a vital platform for diverse voices within the food safety community to share their perspectives on the proposed framework. The consultation officially closed at Midnight CET on 20th October 2024.

We are deeply inspired by the unwavering passion, dedication, and thoughtful contributions of all those who participated in the consultation process. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the individuals and organisations who shared their valuable insights and professional expertise with us.

In this spirit, we have made a concerted effort to thoroughly review and address every comment raised by our stakeholders. This document presents GFSI's detailed response to the feedback received during the consultation, reflecting a transparent and rigorous approach that we believe provides a solid foundation for this framework.

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## Key Highlights

**Total Responses:** We received 367 responses from 57 individual respondents. A breakdown of respondents is provided in the pie chart below.

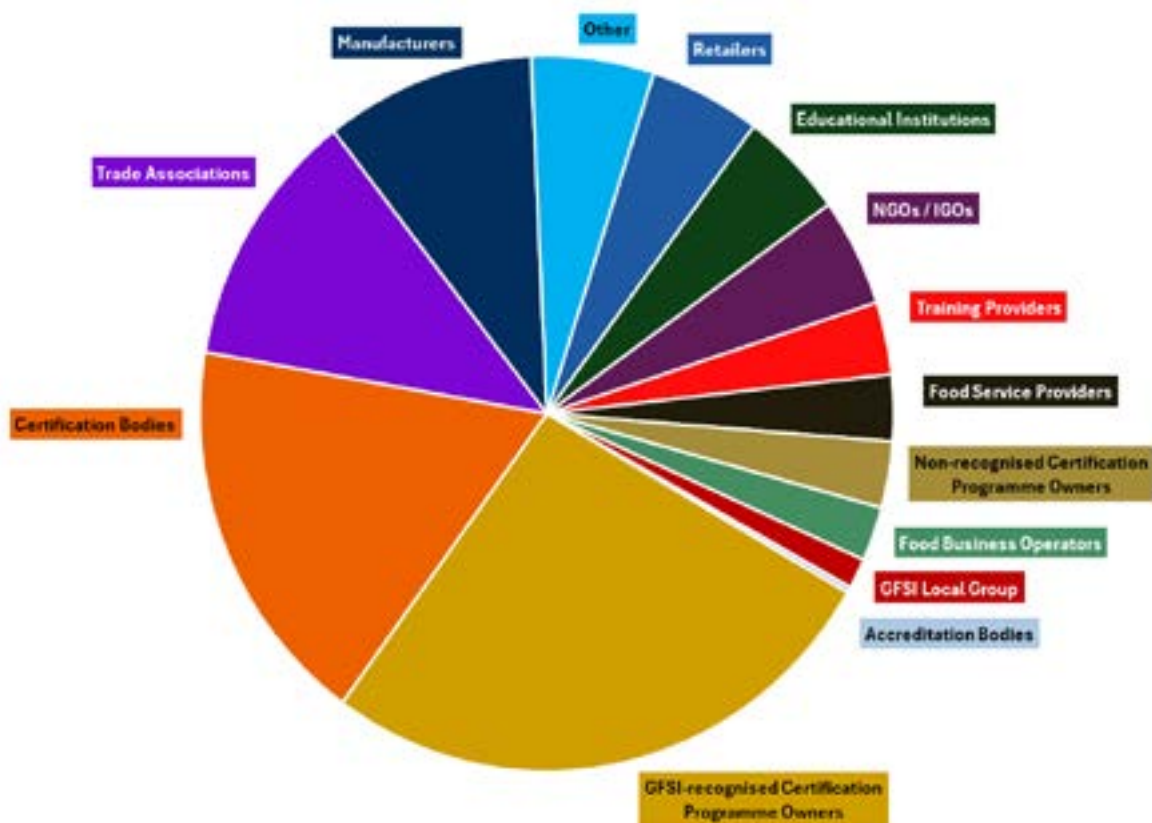
**Outcome:** The finalised framework marks the end of Phase 1 of the ATPD project. Applications to join the Phase 2 working group are now open.

**Next Steps:** The [application process for the Phase 2 Working Group is now open](#) and will close on February 16, 2025 Midnight CET.

We sincerely appreciate your active participation in this important process. Your valuable input has played a key role in shaping the future of food safety requirements. We encourage you to apply and continue your support as we move forward.

## Summary of Responses Received

This pie chart illustrates the breakdown of respondents by category:



## Consultation Response Key

We are pleased to provide a summary of the consultation outcomes, including detailed responses to the feedback received. Each response was analysed and categorised using a stratified RAG-rated approach.

### **AGREED:**

The Working Group (WG) agreed with the comment in full or, in some cases, agreed with specific elements of it.

### **NOTED:**

The Working Group reviewed the comment but was unable to achieve full agreement or clarity on the matter. This may have been due to differing perspectives on the issue or difficulty interpreting the comment's intent or a misunderstanding of the intent or scope of the work by the reader.

### **OPPORTUNITY IDENTIFIED:**

The comment prompted further discussion within the Working Group, identifying potential opportunities for improvement in the next Phase of the project. Depending on the nature of the feedback, the comment was either actioned in the current iteration or earmarked for consideration in future updates. These comments provided valuable insight into potential areas where greater clarity or explanatory guidance might be needed.

This structured approach ensured that all stakeholder feedback was systematically reviewed, discussed, and addressed in a transparent and meaningful manner.

[Consult the Full Food Safety Auditor Professional Development Framework Stakeholder Consultation Feedback.](#)