

HYGIENIC ASPECTS OF FOOD PROCESSING IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY “SWISSLION”

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Abstract

With its turnover of 31 million Euros and 1.7 million Euros profit, Swisslion is the biggest and the most successful confectionary producer in Macedonia. Being the leader in the confectionary industry is much more than just achieving the financial figures, it is also being persistent in achieving its targets, being open for new projects and innovations, being creator of much stricter internal work procedures, being able to achieve full capacity of production and increase the market share in both domestic and export markets and finally being ahead in implementation and certification of the newest food safety standards.

With its 13 years of day to day experience in the business, always fulfilling all legal requirements, requirement of the customers and of all the certified standards within the company, Swisslion has vast examples concerning food safety in general. Starting with the hygienic aspects of the building itself, continuing with the processing equipment, adding the food safety of the raw materials, internal cleaning procedures, specific education and training of the employees as well as packaging, handling, storing and transporting of the final products, Swisslion pays special attention of each and every step during the whole food production process and a well-organized system of control and action have been put in place.

Swisslion has managed to put under control all risks, taking into consideration many different factors that can cause contamination of the products. Even though Swisslion have to ensure that its entire process does not pose any health or safety risk, still all the involved stakeholders have an obligation to minimize risks and make an effort to find the most effective way to get good results.

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