



UNIT-8

Principle 5: Establish a Corrective Action

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit the learner will be able to:

- Discuss where and when corrective actions may be necessary to prevent the risks associated with foods that may be hazardous
- Understand the most important elements that should be included in all corrective actions taken
- Determining if and when it may be necessary to consult with experts brought in to review the information available

Unit 8

Principle 5: Establish a Corrective Action Plan

The HACCP system for food safety management is designed to identify health hazards and to establish strategies to prevent, eliminate, or reduce their occurrence. However, ideal circumstances do not always prevail and deviations from established processes may occur. An important purpose of corrective actions is to prevent foods which may be hazardous from reaching consumers. Where there is a deviation from established critical limits, corrective actions are necessary.

Therefore, corrective actions should include the following elements: (a) determine and correct the cause of non-compliance; (b) determine the disposition of non-compliant product and (c) record the corrective actions that have been taken. Specific corrective actions should be developed in advance for each CCP and included in the HACCP plan. As a minimum, the HACCP plan should specify what is done when a deviation occurs, who is responsible for implementing the corrective actions, and that a record will be developed and maintained of the actions taken. Individuals who have a thorough understanding of the process, product and HACCP plan should be assigned the responsibility for oversight of corrective actions. As appropriate, experts may be consulted to review the information available and to assist in determining disposition of non-compliant product.

Further Reading:

- ✓ *The 4 Disciplines of Execution: Revised and Updated: Achieving Your Wildly Important Goals* Chris McChesney ,2021
- ✓ *Medical Device Quality Management Systems: Strategy and Techniques for Improving Efficiency and Effectiveness 1st Edition* by Susanne Manz ,2018