

rfa WEBCAST MAY 20, 2026

SQF CODE EDITION 10

**Date and Time:**

Wednesday, May 20, from 2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time
(1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. CT, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. MT, 11:00 p.m.- 12:00 p.m. PT)

Overview:

SQF Code Edition 10 launched this March, introducing one of the most significant updates to the program in recent years and signaling an important shift for the food safety community. With an implementation deadline set for 2027, organizations now face a critical window to understand the changes and prepare their teams.

This new Edition represents a strategic evolution in food safety management, with a stronger emphasis on food safety culture, change management, and environmental monitoring. These updates reflect a broader industry shift—moving beyond compliance toward a more proactive, systems-based approach to protecting consumers.

With these changes come important questions: What's different? What actions are required? And how can organizations begin preparing now?

In this webcast, we'll break down the key updates in SQF Code Edition 10, discuss their practical implications, and explore how your organization can begin aligning processes, leadership, and teams ahead of the 2027 implementation deadline.

Presenter:

Steven Mesia, Vice President of Food Safety and Quality Assurance, Sandridge Crafted Foods

Steven Mesia is the Vice President of Food Safety and Quality Assurance at Sandridge Crafted Foods. Now in his 39th year in food Quality, he was hired in 2023 to oversee the food safety, quality, and sanitation programs to ensure safe, high-quality food for every Sandridge customer.

Steve has his bachelor's degree in Organic Chemistry with a minor in Microbiology from Bemidji State University and is CMQ/OE and CFSQA certified through the American Society for Quality. He brings nearly 40 years of food industry quality management experience to Sandridge through his career in both large-scale and startup food businesses.

Steve and his wife live in Spencer, OH as empty nesters; their four children are scattered across the U.S. and abroad. When he's not at work, he's either working on his home, in the woods, or traveling to see their kids.

How does the webcast work?

It's easy and convenient! It is a virtual seminar that you can "attend" and participate in right from your office. Webcasts are provided at **NO COST** to RFA members!

The RFA webcast will include live audio along with a slide presentation on the web. You just need a phone connection for the audio and an Internet connection.

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How to attend this meeting?

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Once you have registered for the meeting, you will receive an email message inviting you to attend the webcast with instructions on how to attend. This message will provide the information that you need to join the meeting.

Register now!

Registration should be received no later than May 18, 2026. Confirmations will not be sent until you are successfully registered.

If you have questions about the meeting, please contact the RFA Office at info@refrigeratedfoods.org.