Thermal Processing of Acidified Foods (FDA Requirements) Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Food processing and Technology	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Understand FDA regulatory compliance for acidified foods.
2. Apply thermal processing methods to ensure microbial safety.
3. Identify critical control points in acidified food production.
4. Implement HACCP systems aligned with FDA standards.
5. Evaluate process validation techniques for acidified foods.
6. Minimize microbial hazards through effective sterilization.
7. Integrate food safety compliance strategies into operations.
8. Utilize trending food processing technologies for quality assurance.
9. Strengthen knowledge of labeling and documentation requirements.
10. Enhance plant productivity through improved process control.
11. Ensure risk reduction in acidified food manufacturing.
12. Interpret FDA inspection procedures and audit requirements.
13. Advance professional skills for global food safety leadership.

Organizational Benefits

1. Improved compliance with FDA regulations.
2. Enhanced consumer trust and brand reputation.
3. Reduced risks of foodborne illness outbreaks.
4. Greater efficiency in processing operations.
5. Cost reduction through optimized production.
6. Increased staff competency and technical knowledge.
7. Strengthened global market access.
8. Minimized recall risks and penalties.
9. Streamlined audit and inspection readiness.
10. Long-term sustainability in acidified food production.

Target Audiences

1. Food safety managers
2. Quality assurance professionals
3. Regulatory compliance officers
4. Food production supervisors
5. Process engineers
6. HACCP coordinators
7. R&D specialists in food processing
8. Plant operations managers

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Acidified Foods and FDA Requirements

- Definition of acidified foods and pH importance
- Regulatory framework and FDA guidelines
- Distinction between acidified and low-acid foods
- Safety concerns in thermal processing
- Documentation and labeling requirements
- Case study: FDA compliance challenges in canned salsa

Module 2: Fundamentals of Thermal Processing

- Heat transfer principles in food systems
- Lethality and microbial inactivation
- Factors influencing heat penetration
- Measuring process adequacy
- Validating processing equipment
- Case study: Heat processing of pickled vegetables

Module 3: Microbiological Hazards in Acidified Foods

- Common microorganisms of concern
- Spore-forming bacteria and pathogens
- Control measures during processing
- Importance of acidification and pH control
- FDA microbiological safety standards
- Case study: Clostridium botulinum risk in sauces

Module 4: FDA Regulatory Compliance Framework

- Code of Federal Regulations (21 CFR Part 114)
- FDA inspections and enforcement actions
- Documentation standards and requirements
- Registration and process filing
- Corrective action plans for compliance issues
- Case study: Non-compliance penalties in beverage manufacturing

Module 5: HACCP Principles in Acidified Food Processing

- Application of HACCP in acidified foods
- Identifying critical control points
- Monitoring procedures and corrective actions
- Verification and validation processes
- Record-keeping essentials
- Case study: HACCP implementation in pickled cucumber production

Module 6: Process Validation and Verification

- Thermal process establishment methods
- Experimental validation of heat treatments
- Continuous process monitoring
- Verification protocols under FDA guidelines
- Evaluating critical factors for safety assurance

- Case study: Process validation in tomato-based condiments

Module 7: Equipment Design and Operation

- Overview of retorts and processing equipment
- Calibration and maintenance requirements
- Automated monitoring technologies
- Selection criteria for acidified food processing
- Energy efficiency considerations
- Case study: Retort design in fruit puree production

Module 8: Packaging Materials and Container Integrity

- FDA requirements for container testing
- Material compatibility and barrier properties
- Seal integrity and microbial protection
- Packaging failure modes
- Advances in sustainable packaging
- Case study: Packaging integrity in canned peppers

Module 9: pH Control and Measurement Techniques

- Importance of pH in acidified food safety
- Laboratory and field measurement methods
- FDA-approved testing equipment
- Procedures for adjusting pH levels
- Documentation of pH compliance
- Case study: pH monitoring in fruit chutneys

Module 10: Quality Assurance and Product Testing

- Sensory evaluation and product standards
- Shelf-life testing of acidified foods
- Microbiological and chemical testing protocols
- Maintaining consistency in production
- Linking QA with FDA compliance
- Case study: QA program in pickled cabbage production

Module 11: Risk Assessment and Management

- Identifying potential risks in production
- Evaluating severity and likelihood of hazards
- Mitigation strategies for process failures
- Developing risk communication plans
- Integrating risk assessment into HACCP
- Case study: Managing risks in bottled sauces

Module 12: Labeling and Documentation Compliance

- FDA labeling requirements for acidified foods
- Nutrition and allergen labeling rules
- Documentation for regulatory audits

- Record-keeping formats and retention policies
- Electronic documentation systems
- Case study: Labeling compliance in fermented drinks

Module 13: FDA Audits and Inspections

- Preparing for FDA plant visits
- Common non-compliance issues identified
- Conducting internal audits for readiness
- Communication with FDA inspectors
- Post-inspection corrective actions
- Case study: FDA inspection outcomes in pickle manufacturing

Module 14: Emerging Trends and Technologies in Thermal Processing

- Novel heating technologies
- Digital monitoring and automation
- IoT applications in food safety
- Sustainable thermal processing methods
- Global trends in acidified food regulations
- Case study: Smart sensors in sauce production

Module 15: Capstone Case Studies and Best Practices

- Review of multiple FDA compliance cases
- Comparative analysis of thermal processes
- Lessons learned from real-world failures
- Best practice strategies for industry leaders
- Group presentation on assigned cases
- Case study: Multinational compliance success story

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures with multimedia presentations
- Hands-on demonstrations of thermal processing equipment
- Group discussions and problem-solving activities
- Case study analysis and role-playing simulations
- Quizzes and assessments for learning reinforcement

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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