

"Achieving consensus on the science of food regulations and legislation to ensure the global availability of safe and wholesome food products for all consumers"

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## THERE IS NO EXCUSE NOT TO REPORT A SERIOUS FOOD SAFETY INCIDENT ANYMORE WHEREVER IT HAPPENS IN THE WORLD

The Whistleblower Food Safety Incident Report Site available in a growing number of languages will help anyone who works in the food and beverage industry anywhere in the world to anonymously report serious food safety incidents without the risk of being identified.

(Vienna, Austria) December 1, 2021 – The Global Harmonization Initiative (GHI) is pleased to announce that the Whistleblower Food Safety Incident Report Site is now available in over 30 languages. This is available at: <a href="https://whistle.globalharmonization.net">https://whistle.globalharmonization.net</a> to anyone, in any country, who works in the food and beverage industry.

Until now, there has never been a global reporting system for food safety concerns that moreover is really anonymous. As a deterrent to unscrupulous food suppliers, the Global Harmonization Initiative first launched the Whistleblower Food Safety Incident Report site in August this year. Originally launched in International English, it is now available in over 30 languages.

There is no longer an excuse not to report serious food safety issues that may harm consumers, make them ill or even cause them to die. We therefore encourage people who work for food and beverage companies, anywhere in the world to report concerns that they have for the safety of the product that is produced.

**Would you let your family eat the product you make at work?** If not then why not? Does it pose a health risk to people who consume it? If so, then you now have a way to report this anonymously.

The multilanguage reporting site is available at: <a href="https://whistle.globalharmonization.net/">https://whistle.globalharmonization.net/</a>. Anyone who chooses to report an incident can be assured that their report is anonymous – in fact even GHI does not know who has submitted a report. This is to protect the identity of whistleblowers.

Explained within the *Frequently Asked Questions* area of the site there are a number of simple rules that whistleblowers should follow (See <a href="https://whistle.globalharmonization.net/faq">https://whistle.globalharmonization.net/faq</a>). These ensure that whistleblowers cannot be tracked by network providers. For example, don't use your company devices or networks to fill out the form, make use of browser 'incognito' private pages and don't mention anything that could identify you. This way you can be safe in knowing that your identity is protected.







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The **Global Harmonization Initiative (GHI)** is an international network of individual scientists and scientific organizations working together to promote harmonization of global food safety regulations and legislation through sound science. GHI advocates science-based global harmonization of food safety laws and regulations that will eliminate trade barriers masquerading as food safety protections, to help reduce world hunger and increase food security for all. GHI is a non-profit organization registered in Vienna, Austria. For more, visit <a href="https://www.globalharmonization.net">www.globalharmonization.net</a>