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Supplier Partners:

In July of 2015, Ferrara Candy implemented its Supplier Relationship and Quality Documentation Management software called ICIX. After registration, a "Comprehensive Guide – Plant" was made available to you in the Compliance Dashboard.

GMP Facility Audit

GMP Audits, Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs), are required by 21 CFR 110.
This audit focuses on preventing contamination and minimizing risk.

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GMP Audit Corrective Action Plans

If your facility has a non-conformance section of the audit then you must provide the corrective actions for each non-conformance. If you do not have any corrective actions then we need you to upload a document stating that you did not have any corrective actions.

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This is a kind reminder of Ferrara Candy's decision to require all of its ingredient, packaging vendors, and co-manufacturers/co-packers of candy to be Global Food Safety Initiative certified by **June 30, 2016**. Ferrara Candy Company's GFSI requirements are necessary due to the growing demands of our consumers, customers and the Federal Government. The United Sites of America Food Safety Modernization Act of 2011 and GFSI based auditing standards are placing manufacturers in a position of responsibility for the actions of our suppliers.

Our records indicate that we have not yet received confirmation of your organization's compliance with the GFSI requirement. We are asking your company to communicate the progress toward compliance with meeting this goal for the items manufactured for Ferrara Candy.

Ferrara Candy is requesting that your company inform the Ferrara Candy Purchasing Department if you are currently GFSI certified. If your company is not GFSI certified, please inform the Ferrara Candy Quality Assurance Department by December 4th if you have scheduled a GFSI audit or a "Gap Audit" to start your company on the path to achieving this goal. If compliance with this requirement is not met by **June 30th, 2016,** Ferrara Candy Company's Purchasing Department will restrict the release of Purchase Orders to those companies that are not compliant.

If you have any questions about this policy, please contact the Ferrara Candy Quality Assurance Department. If you need guidance in scheduling an audit or recommendations on consulting firms please call Tim Murphy at 708-405-3050 Tim.Murphy@ferrarausa.com.

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