# **EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS - LISTED BY PROJECT TYPE**

To protect client confidentiality, all business names have been removed.

### **GAINING ACCREDITATIONS:**

Provided training/ advice/mentoring/preparation for certification audits: retailer, foodservice, BRC, SALSA, Organic, Wild Venison, Marine sustainability:

- Shellfish processing/cooking operations White fish processors Soup manufacturers Pate producers
- Manufacturers of pies and meat puddings Seafood/Kelp processor Sausage/meat puddings Drinks (water/soft drinks)
- Meat, Poultry and Game processors Vegetable packer and curer Dips and ambient/chilled Preserves and pickles
- Fish and cheese smokers Vegetable smoker-processor Cheese manufacturer Beer breweries

## MINIMISATION AND SIMPLIFICATION OF OPERATIONS/SYSTEMS, STAFF DEVELOPMENT AND FREEING UP MANAGEMENT TIME:

- Shellfish processor A business struggling to survive and adapt to reduce staffing levels helped to minimise systems to assist in their remaining both legal and solvent.
- Fish and meat processor A client with an unmanageable range of processes. Helped rationalise range, gave guidance on low and high risk area segregation and critical food safety issues.
- Provided systems and guidance for HACCP and helped prepare client for their certification, EHO and retailer audits.

  Several clients

  Setting up a staff development plan and training staff to take on tasks previously carried out by more senior staff.
- Many clients Management of Technical issues on a contract basis site visits and support set at the appropriate level, taking pressure off management/owners.
- Fish smoker A site with ineffective time consuming HACCPs: retrained a team, developed a simpler, maintainable and sound HACCP and gained credibility with its detractors.
- Food smoker Complete redevelopment of Food safety management system HACCP, trained staff to operate it streamlined paper flow with reduced complexity/resource use.
- Game processor Replaced and simplified a food quality/safety management system at same time recruited and trained a Technical manager to maintain quality and safety systems.
- Start up soup business By steering NPD development of chilled long life soup to a "cook in pot" process saved having to build a high care facility thus reduced processing and future business complexity.

## **BESPOKE STAFF TRAINING:**

- Game processor Trained a QA/Technical manager to take full ownership of quality and food safety management and site accreditation.
  - Introduced Pest control training, set up so that client could operate their own Pest management system.
- **Several clients** Provision of "Technical management training programmes" for those about to take on the role in small to medium businesses.
  - Setting up staff development plans and training staff to take on tasks previously carried out by more senior staff.
  - Developed short courses designed around the needs of each business: Plant Food Hygiene and operating standards, Theory and practice of Cleaning, Factory traceability, Product labelling, Internal auditing, water activity testing, sampling procedures.
  - CCP training
- Salmon smoker Developed a series of interactive courses and briefings around "Producing good/safe smoked salmon: Controls on Listeria and Clostridia, raw materials,
  - process scheduling, curing smoking, cooling, effective water activity sampling, corrective action and a dedicated HACCP course.
- Many clients Provided bespoke and nationally certificated HACCP training to level 1 and 3: (eg: Butchers and Meat/fish/shellfish/cheese/milk processors, Packaging film
  - manufacturer, Vegetable packing, Pie making, Breads, Cakes/confectionary, Breaded products, Smoking and cooking, Aquaculture, Pates, Cereals, Grains, Fruit juice, Water bottling, Distillers, Spirit bottling, Hostels, Hospital central catering, Care homes.
- Farm development Developing training and mentoring modules (processing and food safety ) for small scale processed food production on farm.

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