

## **Description:**

This procedure will outline the Pest Control Program at Signature Sauces. This program consists of an inspection of the critical areas and the application, when appropriate, of proper materials to effectively control rodents and pests that could present a potential risk to the sanitary operation of the facility. This program will be managed to meet the expectations of the USDA.

## **Responsibility:**

It will be the responsibility of the Quality Assurance Department, Maintenance Department and the pest control contractor to follow this procedure.

## **Procedure:**

1. A Pest Management Log Book is maintained online at <https://digitallogbook.theservicepro.net/>

Login: SignatureSauces@certifiedpestcontrol.com

Password: Logbook17

This logbook contains all pest activity reports, inspection maps, and sds data needed.

2. Interior Rodent Control: Multiple catch rodent traps will be installed every 20 to 40 feet around the perimeter of the warehouse. Where practical and possible these mechanical traps will be installed on either side of overhead and pedestrian doors or where there are potential rodent entry areas into the building. Directional arrows will be placed above each station to identify the location of the devices. The interior perimeter and the rodent control devices will be inspected, cleaned and dated monthly.
3. Exterior Rodent Control: Tamper resistant stations will be placed on the exterior of the building at regular intervals. The stations will be inspected, cleaned, dated, and scanned once a month. The date and time of each service will be recorded along with any evidence of rodent feeding activity. The anticoagulant baits will be changed at each service. All stations will have a visible number on the outside of the station. A locator placard with the corresponding number will be attached to the building.
4. Insect Control: Once a month, non-production areas will be inspected for insect activity. These areas include but are not limited to the employee lunchroom, offices, entryways, mechanical rooms, and employee locker rooms. There will be no routine applications of pesticides throughout these areas. Individual offices will be treated when needed. The appropriate treatment will be made based on the findings on monitors, traps, and visual sightings.
5. Exterior Insect Control: The lower exterior of the building will be treated two times a year (Spring and Fall) or as needed, to manage the buildup of occasional pests around the foundation of the building.

6. Flying Insect Control: Light Traps will be installed at the necessary intercept zones in the receiving area, shipping area and near the trash compactor. The units will be inspected on a weekly basis during the warmer months (May through October) and monthly during the rest of the year. Each unit will be equipped with a tag to document the time and date of the inspection.
7. Stored Products Pests: In the case of stored product pest activity, an appropriate number of pheromone traps will be placed in strategic and accessible locations throughout the food storage areas to monitor for Stored Product Pests. A multiple pheromone trap will be used to focus on the following Storage Pests: Moths (Indian Meal, Tobacco, Raisin, Almond, Mediterranean), and Beetles: (Cigarette, Drugstore, Warehouse, Red Flour, Confused Flour). These traps will be monitored on a monthly basis for activity.
8. Any food products, raw material or packaging that is found to be contaminated by pest activity shall be placed on hold. The hold log will document the disposal, investigation and resolution of the contamination.
9. Pest Bird Management (as needed basis): If the presence of Birds (Starlings, Sparrows, Pigeons, etc.) around the exterior of the building reach unacceptable levels due to nesting, etc... it may be necessary to implement a pest bird reduction program. The frequency and need for this procedure will be evaluated if the problem occurs.
10. Supplemental Pest Problems: Services for such special pest problems as bees, wasps, yellow jackets, flies, fleas, termites, pharaoh ants, squirrels, raccoons, and other urban wildlife are not part of the regular pest management program. These situations will be managed on an as needed basis as conditions warrant.
11. Program Responsibilities: Signature Sauces plant personnel:

Plant personnel are responsible to maintain the plant in a manner such that there are no conditions that are conducive to pest infestation.

Signature Sauces is responsible to respond within reasonable time to conditions that are found to be conducive to pest infestations. This may include sealing cracks and crevices, installing rodent guards, improved lighting, properly cleaning and removing debris, and adhering to good storage and stock rotation practices.

12. Program responsibilities: third-party pest control contractor:

The third-party pest control contractor is responsible to report conditions that are conducive to insect and rodent infestations on the service report and note them in the logbook. These conditions must be brought to the attention of plant management at time of service.

The third-party pest control contractor is responsible to assist in educating plant personnel in pest awareness and identification and to conduct periodic onsite training if warranted.

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The third-party pest control contractor is responsible to perform the service in accordance with the rules, regulations and expectations of the USDA.