

## Gulf SQAS Procurement Clause Template

### Introduction

In accordance with the CEO Declaration of Support extract clauses below, for SQAS to be successful in delivering sustained improvements in the EHSS&Q standards of the regional product supply chain, there is a need for the manufacturing companies (GPCA Full Members) to support the SQAS Program.

After discussions at the SQAS Technical and Accreditation Committee, GPCA Supply Chain Committee and the GPCA Board, it was proposed that a template procurement clause be prepared, in order to encourage consistency of implementation. The template clauses can be adapted and are only intended as guidance.

### Extract Clauses from the Gulf SQAS CEO Declaration of Support

- Implement procurement processes that require relevant Partnering Logistic Service Providers (LSP's) to comply with the Gulf SQAS Program in all relevant aspects of their business.
- Encourage LSP's to utilize the SQAS Assessment process as a means to continuous improvement in relation to the relevant aspects of Responsible Care®.
- Utilize the SQAS Reports as the primary means of assessing the overall EHS and Quality capability of Logistic Service Providers.

### Procurement Clauses (Template)

The following clauses should be considered for incorporation within the member company's procurement contracts relating to Logistics for the safe handling and transportation of manufactured products:

- **'Member Company name'** is committed to the International Council of Chemical Associations Responsible Care® program that promotes continuous improvement in all aspects of Environment, Health, Safety and Security (EHSS).
- Specifically in relation to the service provision of this contract, **'Member Company name'** is committed to the Gulf Sustainability and Quality Assessment System (SQAS), which drives continuous improvement in Environment, Health, Safety, Security and Quality (EHSS&Q) throughout the land based product supply chain.
- **'Member Company name'** will commit to utilizing the SQAS Assessment report and improvement plan provided as the sole EHSS&Q technical input to assess the capability of the service provider

- The service provider must undertake an SQAS Assessment, using an accredited SQAS Assessor that encompasses in full the service provision to be covered in this contract.  
**Note: Timings can be entered in this clause by the 'Member Company'**
- In accordance with the requirements of the Gulf SQAS Program, the service provider must commit to performing an SQAS Assessment for each aspect of its service provision, at least once in every three years.
- The service provider is responsible for ensuring that the SQAS Assessment report is uploaded onto the "gulfsqas.com" website and the contents are made accessible for review by **'Member Company name'**.
- Based on the findings of the aforementioned SQAS Assessment report, the service provider must commit to preparing an improvement plan, prioritized by risk, that addresses the gaps identified. The plan, including dates and resources, must be included in the tender submission, or be available on the "gulfsqas.com" website, as applicable.
- During the 'Period of Tender' and with reference to the service provider's SQAS Assessment report and improvement plan, **'Member Company name'** reserves the right to request action on specific gaps that could negatively affect the service provision or company reputation, to be prioritized as a condition of the contractual agreement.
- In relation to SQAS Assessments performed during the contractual period, **'Member Company name'** reserves the right to request specific gaps that could negatively affect the service provision, or company reputation, to be prioritized as a condition of the contractual agreement.