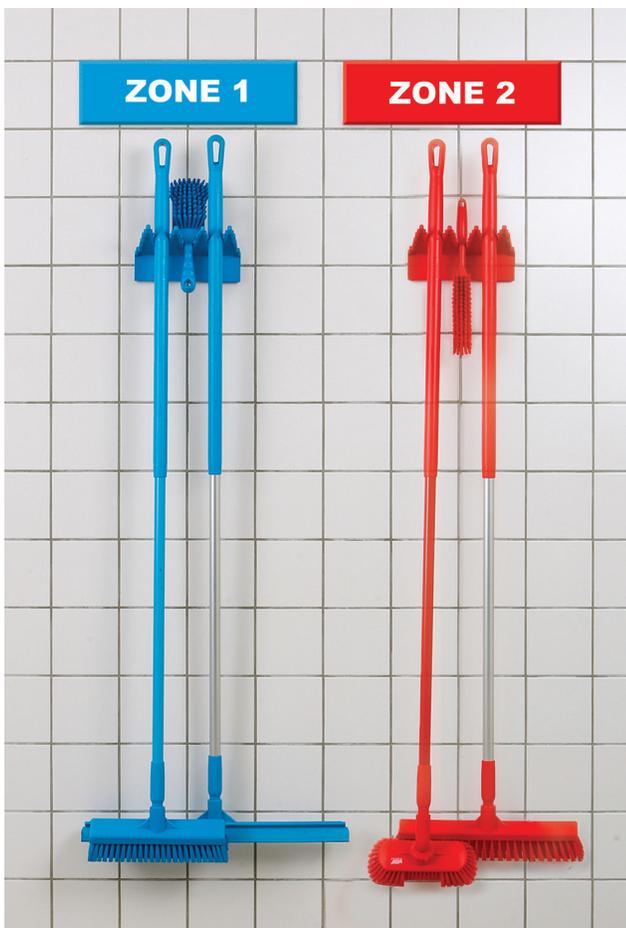


Is Color-Coding Right For Your Food Processing Facility?

Below is a list of questions to ask if you are considering implementing color-coding at your food processing facility. If you answer “yes” to any of the following questions, color-coding would be a great program to include in your facility’s operations.

- 1) Do any of the ingredients used in the food production process pose microbiological threats?
- 2) Do you use certain chemicals in any area that would pose a threat if they were transferred to another area?
- 3) Is it necessary to segregate tools based on the areas they are to be used, such as floors and drains vs. equipment surfaces, or food contact vs. non-food contact areas?



- 4) Does your facility process foods that contain ingredients that are known allergens?

The Top 8 Food Allergens Are:

1. Milk
 2. Eggs
 3. Fish (e.g. bass, flounder, cod)
 4. Crustacean shellfish (e.g. crab, lobster, shrimp)
 5. Tree nuts (e.g. almonds, walnuts, pecans)
 6. Peanuts
 7. Wheat
 8. Soybeans
- 5) Does your facility have separate manufacturing lines for different products?
 - 6) Does your facility maintain a HACCP plan or a master sanitation schedule?
 - 7) Does your company wish to standardize food manufacturing processes across multiple facilities?
 - 8) Is your facility under the scrutiny of any of the following certification or regulatory organizations?

FDA - U.S. Food and Drug Administration

USDA - U.S. Department of Agriculture

GFSI - Global Food Safety Initiative

FMI - Food Marketing Institute

ISO - International Organization for Standardization

ServSafe - National Restaurant Association Food Safety Training

ANSI - American National Standards Institute

AIB - AIB International

IFT - Institute of Food Technologists

CFIA - Canadian Food Inspection Agency

FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

WHO - World Health Organization

EPA - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

- 9) Do you have employees speaking multiple languages in a single plant?

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