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Food Safety Made Simple

TRANSPORTERS FOOD SAFETY CHECKLIST 1

Readiness Review for Trucking, Logistics & Food Carriers: Transporting food products is a key part of the food safety chain. Use this checklist to evaluate how well your operation meets shipper, retailer, and audit expectations. The Iron Apple Trucking Food Safety Program helps close the gaps in each of these areas.

1. Management & Food Safety Culture

- Written food safety policy with management oversight
- Documented food safety program/manual
- Annual program review

2. Hazard Identification & Risk Controls

- Transportation-specific hazard analysis
- Cross-contamination risk controls
- Allergen cross-contact prevention
- Backhaul contamination controls
- Bulk vs. packaged loading/unloading procedures
- Cross-docking risk management

3. Trailer & Equipment Controls

- Pre-load trailer inspection procedure
- Cleanliness & sanitation verification
- Documented trailer wash records
- Load separation controls
- Reefer unit pre-trip verification
- Maintenance & calibration records

4. Temperature Management

- Defined temperature requirements by commodity
- Continuous temperature monitoring
- Manual or digital temp logs
- Corrective action for excursions
- Reefer breakdown procedure
- Load rejection protocol



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5. Sanitation & Cleaning

- Written trailer cleaning SOP
- Chemical control & documentation
- Wash facility verification
- Employee health & hygiene training

6. Driver Training & Accountability

- Signed & documented food safety training program with certificates of completion
- Onboarding training for new drivers
- Allergen awareness training
- Temperature control training

7. Documentation & Traceability

- Load documentation retention
- Recall & traceability procedure
- Emergency contact protocol
- Customer complaint documentation
- Root cause & corrective action process
- Digital record-keeping solution for easy access & retrieval

NEXT STEPS:

Carriers transporting food are increasingly required to demonstrate structured food safety systems. Shippers, importers, and retailers expect documented proof of control – not verbal assurances.

A structured, certified food safety program:

- Strengthens contract opportunities
- Reduces rejection risk
- Protects insurance positioning
- Demonstrates operational discipline
- Differentiates your company from competitors

Iron Apple:

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