

ABSTRACT

The In-plant Training was carried out during January 2007- May 2007 in Beligala Coconut Products (pvt) Ltd. (BCPL) with the objective of exposing the real world, obtaining practical experiences other than what we have learn in the academic life. I was experienced as a Quality Assurance Executive (QAE) and act as Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) coordinator.

This report will be provided the extraction of BCPL, indicating its position in economy and industry, its production, key divisions, management styles, particularly its quality assurance system and future trends in food safety management system.

BCPL is well reputed manufacturer of Desiccated Coconut (DC), was established in 1947. It is a medium scale company producing over 150mt for the month and it employs over 90 employees and provides opportunity for in-direct employment. It achieves around 1200mt of annual sales. BCPL produces 3 grades of DC such as fine, medium and fancy grades and specifications as per the customer requirements. Up to 20% of the production will be for the local market, with the remainder exported.

Comprehensive Quality Assurance System (QAS) has been developed by the BCPL , compliance with the code of practice for DC CS 142:1972 and SLS 98:1988, which covers food safety and quality parameters of DC, processes from purchase of raw materials to finished products and the laboratory analysis of finished products. Daily inspection by Coconut Development Authority (CDA) inspector and lab tests performed by the CDA on a regular basis works as an external independent quality assurance scheme operated on site.

The recent approach in global trade is the growing demand to ensure higher standards of food quality and safety with evidence. Therefore, BCPL plans to assure its product quality with evidences by complying with Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) food safety standards. It helps to realize the company endeavor, which is to build, long term, trusting, win-win relationships with valued customers, dealers and suppliers, while ensuring the profitability. It also ensures future demands on quality and safety aspects in maintaining a competitive edge over the other DC manufacturers.