



Firstly and most importantly, the BOPP Management Committee and the HTA Scheme Manager, Pippa Greenwood would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members, both in the UK and overseas, good health and hope that you and your families remain safe and well during the COVID-19 crisis and beyond.

Audits

We can confirm that the NSF will continue to offer audits if these can be undertaken safely and if this is what a business requires. The NSF has a strict protocol in place for the health and safety of both themselves, their auditors and their clients, and full details of this can be found here:

<https://www.nsf.org/newsroom/how-nsf-international-is-addressing-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

Of course, we all appreciate that physical audits may not be suitable, and the NSF is also offering the option of a remote audit as an alternative, and this can be arranged by contacting the NSF team at Bopp@nsf.org

Extension to Audits

If a member wishes to postpone their audit, the NSF is following the Global G.A.P. guidelines and offering an extension up to a maximum of 6 months. This request must be made in writing to the NSF at Bopp@nsf.org and applications may not be made any earlier than **2 months** before the expiry date of the current period of certification.

Continuous Development Audits (CD)

These audits have been postponed and certificates will be extended. This situation is under regular review as to when audits can commence again.

In light of the options being offered above, we strongly recommend that you discuss any proposals you may be considering with your customers to ensure that they too are satisfied so that there will not be any implications further down the supply chain.