

## *Another UK First for Muntons!*

### **Muntons plc become first maltster in the UK and Europe to achieve ISO 22000:2005 - Food Safety Management System – A requirement for any organization in the food chain**

Muntons plc site at Stowmarket in Suffolk produces 75,000 tonnes of malt and 40,000 tonnes of malted ingredients to serve the food and beverage industries worldwide. Gaining certification to the International Food Safety Management System standard ISO 22000:2005 is testament to the company's commitment to be the leader in food safety production for malted products.

26<sup>th</sup> June 2008 saw the presentation of the ISO 22,000 certificate from Mark Stokes, a BSI representative to Dr Nigel Davies, Muntons Manufacturing and Technical Director. After the presentation Mark said "Gaining the ISO 22000 certification recognises a strong commitment in maintaining standards in the critical food supply chain"

ISO 22000:2005 specifies requirements for a food safety management system where an organization in the food chain needs to demonstrate its ability to control food safety hazards in order to ensure that food is safe at the time of human consumption.

Key to this important standard are: interactive communication within the company and across the supply chain; excellent systems management and a robust HACCP system.

Dr David Mugglestone, Muntons Quality Assurance & Food Safety Manager said "To attain this standard we have thoroughly reviewed our food safety systems to assure our customers that we take food safety seriously and protect their businesses".

ISO 22000:2005 complements the already high standard of food safety at Muntons, which also operates its Stowmarket site to the British Retail Consortium Global Standard Food scheme – being certified grade A, the highest. Dr Nigel Davies Muntons Manufacturing and Technical Director notes "Becoming certified to ISO 22000:2005 is part of our continual quest to operate at the highest possible level of food safety assurance. Our team has shown a high standard of commitment to food safety by achieving BRC Food Standard grade A and now ISO 22000:2005. These systems are not just 'badges' to us, they have made a real and sustainable difference to our operations through targeted training and high levels of process control, monitoring and investment in food safe systems of work.'



Mark Stokes From the BSI and Dr Nigel Davies of Muntons

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