



## **Food Processing Solutions**

Enabling workplace safety, continuous improvement and compliance solutions

# Your identification challenge



Food safety is often a top priority for food processors. When this goal is met with the harsh washdown environment, you are forced to decide between maintaining a high level of food safety and implementing workplace safety, continuous improvement and compliance best practices.

With ToughWash™ signs, labels and tags, you no longer have to choose. You can confidently create a visual workplace for employees, while maintaining a strong food safety program.

### **Brady's solution**



#### ToughWash<sup>™</sup> Labels feature:

- **Superior Adhesives** Strongly bonds to stainless steel reducing the risk of labels peeling.
- **Strong Facesheet** Withstands high pressure water to reduce the risk of labels falling apart.
- **Durable Topcoat** Printer ribbon and ink create a resilient bond to reduce the risk of fading print.
- Formulated Metal Detection Integrates metal layers within facesheet.

#### ToughWash<sup>™</sup> Signs & Tags feature:

- Injection Molded Plastic Construction Withstands high-pressure water, chemicals and abrasion to improve durability.
- Sub-Surface Graphics & Print Protects graphics and print from water, chemicals and abrasives to enhance legibility for years.
- Formulated Metal or X-Ray Detection Integrates a detectable resin into the sign or tag.

## Workplace safety



#### Challenge

In the food processing industry, safety hazards are around every corner. Whether its slippery floors, chemical exposure, pinch points, washdown or industrial machinery maintenance, safety challenges are a constant presence.

In fact, statistics from the Bureau of Labor indicate that food processing workers are 59% more likely to be injured on the job than other industry averages.

When you consider the safety obstacles of a food processing environment, it's clear that workplace visuals are essential. However, concerns for food safety within harsh washdown environments prevent many food processors from properly identifying hazards on the processing floor – but not anymore!

## **Brady's solutions**

#### **Safety Identification**

Brady's ToughWash<sup>™</sup> wash-down-resistant, metaldetectable labels, signs and tags enable you to visually identify hazards on the processing floor, helping to reduce the injury risk to your front-line workers. You can implement:

- Safety Labels
- CLP/GHS Tags
- Safety Signs



#### **Visual Lockout Procedures**

Visual lockout procedures can ensure that operators, maintenance workers and sanitation workers safely de-energize equipment prior to maintenance or sanitation.

With Brady's Procedure Writing Services, our field engineers customize your lockout procedures. In addition, we offer:

- ToughWash VLOP Placards
- ToughWash Tags
- Link360<sup>™</sup> Software
- Lockout/Tagout Devices



# Compliance

#### Challenge

Government agencies and the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) programs require food processors to have protocols and procedures in place for sanitation, critical control points, operating procedures and more.

As a result of the washdown environment, food processors previously had to minimize signage on the production floor to ensure food safety. That means that protocols and procedures had to reside in binders on office shelves far away from the processing floor, where employees could seldom read or see them.



## **Reinforcement cues**

One way to improve compliance and increase awareness of safety protocols is to reinforce these messages with visual cues on the processing floor. This is effectively done with the use of Brady's ToughWash™ washdown-resistant, metal-detectable labels, signs, placards and tags. Visuals can include:

#### **Standard Operating Procedure**

• Reinforce training for new & contract employees

#### **Sanitary Operating Procedure**

Ensure proper cleaning & sanitation of each surface

#### **Critical Control Point**

 Reinforce critical food-safety check points inside your facility

#### **Inspection & Sanitation Tags**

· Identify tools & utensils that need to be sanitised



# **Continuous improvement**

#### Challenge

The pressure to increase margins and improve yield continues to intensify with the escalating costs of food commodities, energy and labor. In addition, product recalls and the re-work resulting from mix-ups on the processing floor can cost millions of dollars.

Faced with these challenges, it's essential for facilities to continually improve processes and create a more efficient and productive workplace. These efficiency gains are often more difficult due to the challenging work environment and varying skill levels of front-line workers in the food processing industry. But we have a solution...



## **Visual work spaces**

Visual cues throughout the processing floor take the guess work out of production by reminding frontline workers about proper procedures at the point of operation.

Brady's ToughWash<sup>™</sup> washdown-resistant, metal-detectable labels, signs, placards and tags can be used to create workplace visuals that lead to consistent and efficient workflows. Some effective workplace visuals include:

#### **Standard Operating Procedure**

 Reinforce training for new & contract employees

#### **Shadow Boards**

• Ensure proper tool placement and prevent cross-contamination.(Not metal detectable)

#### Label & Identification Systems

Communicate critical information about allergens

#### **Floor Markings**

 Ensure process flow and storage spaces are easily identified. (Not washdown resistant or metal detectable)



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