The statistics and predictions are sobering. Food and beverage businesses must deliver products that are nourishing, affordable and safe amid formidable challenges:

- Escalating global demand and changing diets
- Lengthening supply chains
- Rising land, water, energy and labour costs
- A changing climate
- Tightening legislation
- Distrust of new technologies from nano to GMO

To add to the pressures, dietary patterns are evolving. Long fobbed off with unsafe or poor quality produce, consumers in the developing world now expect protein-higher calorie meals, just as soaring rates of diabetes, obesity and heart disease are pushing Western societies to restrict such foods.

Business as usual is no longer an option. We must transition to a more sustainable, ethical, transparent, efficient and resilient supply chain. A supply chain that doesn’t hurt people or the planet. A supply chain we can trust.

DNV GL understands this. Through integrity and innovation we’re now helping companies turn these unprecedented challenges and risks into a fantastic opportunity to make our world safer, smarter and greener.

Safety and Sustainability: The Perfect Match
When it comes to safety, the food and beverage sector is subject to more laws, inspections and audits than any other. And rightly so. As customers, we all deserve safe, high quality food, while producers are entitled to a fair deal. At the same time, the ecosystems which sustain us must be protected. But
we should look beyond regulatory compliance: it’s only through understanding the risks and impacts of an increasingly complex supply chain that we start addressing them; it’s only through transparency and accountability, that we safeguard stakeholder trust.

DNV GL is now working with global leaders across manufacture, retail and food service to integrate sustainability into the way they manage risk. By developing and monitoring certification and assurance schemes, we’re improving the safety of supply chains while tackling environmental, social and economic costs. Everyday we’re showing that a safer supply chain is a more sustainable one.

We strengthen our customers’ safety efforts and build more sustainable businesses by:

- Coordinating product certification and offering our own successful second-party assurance scheme
- Simplifying audit burden without compromising performance through active membership of the SEDEX and AIM-PROGRESS initiatives
- Increasing supply chain transparency and traceability, fostering stakeholder trust
- Advising on environmental footprinting, responsible sourcing and supply chain strategy
- Investing in research and collaborative innovation

Our pledges

- To inform and empower our customers’ decisions and actions with expert advice
- To advance the safety and sustainability of our customers’ businesses
- To assure the performance of organisations, products, people, facilities and supply chains through certification, verification, assessment and training
- To provide our customers and society with operational and technological foresight

If you have the appetite for change, let’s talk!

“...feeding a world population of 9.1 billion people in 2050 would require raising overall food production by some 70 percent...”
UN Food & Agricultural Organisation, 2009

“...roughly one-third of food produced for human consumption is lost or wasted globally...”
UN Food & Agricultural Organisation, 2011

“Food systems contribute 19% - 29% of global anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions.”
Sonja J. Vermeulen, University of Copenhagen, 2012

Why partner with DNV GL?

DNV GL is one of the world’s leading certification bodies. We help businesses manage risk and assure the performance of their organizations, products, people, facilities and supply chains through certification, verification, assessment and training services across a wide range of industries.

In the food and beverage industry, we help customers worldwide to achieve excellence in food safety and quality, environmental management, supply chain management and product sustainability. We combine technical, digital and industry expertise to empower companies’ decisions and actions. Partnering with our customers, we build sustainable business performance and create stakeholder trust.

With origins stretching back to 1864 and operations in more than 100 countries, our experts are dedicated to helping customers make the world safer, smarter and greener.