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**GMA Selects RQA Food Forensics™ as its New Partner Laboratory**

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RQA, Inc. is pleased to announce that RQA Food Forensics™ is now GMA's partner lab for all product sample testing, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. After an extensive review of several outside laboratories, GMA determined that RQA was best equipped to service its members in 2017 and beyond.

According to Steven Leslie, Director and Counsel of GMA Product Liability Solutions (PLS), "We're fully confident that RQA will continue the high level of service we've provided to our members over the years." RQA's President Lawrence Platt stated "We are pleased to continue our long standing relationship as a GMA member and now a GMA business partner."

This outsourcing solution provides a new way for GMA to offer members, who previously used their laboratory operations, access to a source of high quality laboratory services at very favorable pricing for the GMA Members. GMA staff will continue to provide scientific and technical consulting services to all GMA members on a broad range of food safety, technical and regulatory issues.

RQA seamlessly integrates deep expertise in forensic analysis, unknown identification and microbiological analysis with RQA's best in class retrieval capabilities. Food Forensics' expert forensic laboratory partner, McCrone Associates, Inc. brings sixty years of experience analyzing and identifying contaminants in a wide range of materials, and is ISO/IEC 17025:2005 A2LA Accredited. Certified Laboratories, with more than ninety years in business and ISO/IEC 17025:2005 ANAB Accreditation provides microbiological and other specialty testing services to Food Forensics.

GMA Members may visit <http://www.food-forensics.com/gmamember.htm> to learn more about the transition process and how to submit samples.

**About RQA, Inc.** Founded in 1989, RQA is the global leader in providing quality assurance and food safety solutions to the food industry, including Retail Quality Audits, Counterfeit Investigation, Consumer Complaint Retrieval, Product Retrieval and Recall Services. With its Crisis Planning & Management and RQA's Food Forensics™ contaminant investigation services, RQA offers the most comprehensive quality and risk management support available. For more information, please visit [www.rqa-inc.com](http://www.rqa-inc.com).

**The Grocery Manufacturers Association (GMA)** is the trade organization representing the world's leading food, beverage and consumer products companies and associated partners. The U.S. food, beverage and consumer packaged goods industry plays a unique role as the single largest U.S. manufacturing employment sector, with 2.1 million jobs in 30,000 communities across the country that deliver products vital to the wellbeing of people in our nation and around world. Founded in 1908, GMA has a primary focus on product safety, science-based public policies and industry initiatives that seek to empower people with the tools and information they need to make informed choices and lead healthier lives. For more information, visit [gmaonline.org](http://gmaonline.org)