

Agri-Neo and BC Foods announce partnership to advance food safety in China

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Agri-Neo, a leader in pasteurisation of low-moisture foods, is pleased to announce its partnership with BC Foods, a global leader in the industrial ingredient category. BC Foods plans to implement the Neo-Pure pasteurisation system into its processing facility in Shandong, China, in Q4 of this year. This innovative system will be employed to offer an additional validated kill step into the cleaning and dehydration process, guaranteeing the utmost quality and safety of ingredients produced, beginning with an initial crop of dehydrated onions.

"BC Foods takes pride in our high-quality ingredients," said Mike Liu, Chairman of BC Foods. "We have been in the industrial dehydrated vegetable and spice industry for over forty years and are recognised for being at the forefront of food safety. The Neo-Pure integration into our Shandong facility demonstrates our commitment to implementing innovative technology to ensure food quality and safety. With Neo-Pure, we can offer our customers ready-to-eat (RTE) products that are made safe using a validated organic pasteurisation process."

The Neo-Pure pasteurisation process enables BC Foods to achieve a 99.999 per cent (5-log) reduction of pathogens such as Salmonella and E. coli without compromising food quality. It works by misting a patented blend of organic actives onto food in

a continuous flow to inactivate pathogens and reduce total plate count. Since Neo-Pure does not rely on heat, steam, chemical fumigation, or irradiation, Neo-Pure Pasteurised (NPP) foods maintain food integrity, meaning the natural sensory quality, nutrition, and shelf life remain unchanged, just as nature intended.

"The partnership between Agri-Neo and BCFoods sets a new food safety standard in the Chinese dehydrated vegetable and spice market," said Robert Wong, President of Agri-Neo. "Agri-Neo's innovation in food safety combined with BCFoods' global footprint and recognition will immediately impact the global ingredients market. Furthermore, this partnership strengthens our leadership in food safety for the dehydrated vegetable and spice industry. China is one of the largest origin countries for many ingredients such as dehydrated onion and garlic. We are thrilled to work with BCFoods to expand the Neo-Pure Pasteurised (NPP) product portfolio in China."

BCFoods will be highlighting and sharing information about Neo-Pure Pasteurised (NPP) products at SupplySide West 2023 in Las Vegas in October.