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## **TACCP: New guidance from Campden BRI**

The food and drink supply chain is increasingly threatened by physical attack or fraud from criminals or terrorists. A core element in the defence of food and drink against attack is a systematic evaluation of vulnerable elements of the supply chain, carried out by an experienced and trusted team - Threat Assessment and Critical Control Point (TACCP). The evaluation reflects established procedures for risk management and it is likely that organisations will increasingly incorporate it into a framework for crisis and/or business continuity management.

[TACCP: a practical guide](#) (Campden BRI Guideline 72) (see [www.campdenbri.co.uk/publications/pubDetails.php?pubsID=4640](http://www.campdenbri.co.uk/publications/pubDetails.php?pubsID=4640)) reflects the principles and practices of TACCP, and other methods employed in the assurance of food and drink safety and security. A key part of the guidance is the assessment of threat - a large number of questions and considerations are detailed for the product, the premises and the business. These include assuring personnel security, controlling access to premises, services, the processes and materials, and the secure storage of transport vehicles. Key points are illustrated with examples and case studies.

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Campden BRI ([www.campdenbri.co.uk](http://www.campdenbri.co.uk)) provides technical, legislative and scientific support and research to the food and drinks industry worldwide – with a comprehensive “farm to fork” range of services covering agri-food production, analysis and testing, processing and manufacturing, safety, training and technical information services. Members and clients benefit from industry-leading facilities

for analysis, product and process development, and sensory and consumer studies, which include a specialist brewing and wine division.

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## Notes to editors

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  - b. safety assurance - including [hygiene and sanitation](#), [microbiology](#) and preservation, processing technologies, analysis and testing (microbiological, chemical), and quality and safety management,
  - c. [product development](#) and quality, [consumer studies](#), market insights, [sensory science](#), [authenticity testing](#), shelf-life evaluation, labelling and [legislation](#)
  - d. [agri-food production](#), ingredients, raw materials, raw material technology,
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