IPIA Membership

International Packaged Ice Association

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INTERNATIONAL PACKAGED ICE ASSOCIATION
All ICE should be this good!

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IPIA Committees

- Public Affairs Committee—The committee monitors all legislative and regulatory activity impacting the Ice Industry and the IPIA's Ice is Food education mission. The committee monitors and promotes the IPIA's advocacy efforts on Federal, State and local levels and partners with Food Safety Associations.
- PIQCS Committee—Provides direction for the IPIA Packaged Ice Quality Control Standards program (PIQCS)
- Marketing Committee—Oversees marketing and public relations projects promoting the Association and its Members
- Membership Committee—Develops Membership services and prospects
- Plant Operation/Technology Committee—Provides current information relating to the operation of an ice plant
- Associate Member Committee—liaison between the Associate Members and the Board
- Disaster Preparedness Committee—Plans and Coordinates Disaster Preparedness Program
- Scholarship Committee—Reviews the yearly applicants (open to all IPIA member employees and their dependents) for the annual $2,000 Tom and Genny Sedler Scholarship award and the $2,000 Charlie and Mary Lynn Kent award.

Communication

The IPIA keeps you informed through many varied media. Our site www.packagedice.com provides valuable information not only to members, but to retailers and consumers about the IPIA and its mission. A members only section contains the down loadable PIQCS manual, labeling manual, sample HACCP plans and FSMA templates, sample production cost template and other valuable tools for members. Our sister site www.safeice.org highlights the studies conducted on the microbial quality of packaged ice and most importantly 'Where to find safe ice' a listing of all IPIA members.

Weekly E-Mail Updates: One of our more valued communication tools...members receive weekly updates from IPIA headquarters about relevant industry and association news, issues and events.

Emergency Ice

The IPIA maintains a Disaster Preparedness Committee that assists and coordinates if necessary those entities in need of our product in the event of a disaster.

PIQCS

(Packaged Ice Quality Control Standards)

For the Food Safety and Quality of Manufacturing Packaged Ice….
"ICE IS FOOD!"

Overview

- No common government authority over packaged ice manufacturing
- IPIA members chose to self-regulate to assure manufacturing quality and educate buyers and consumers that Ice is a Food
- PIQCS based on Good Manufacturing Practices per IPIA and FDA Guidelines
- FSMA, Food Safety Modernization Act, compliant program phase in.
- PCQI, Preventive Controls Qualified Individual, classes conducted for IPIA Members

PIQCS Quality Control Standards regulate:

Good Manufacturing Practices:

- Personnel Hygiene
- Plant and Grounds
- Sanitary Operations of Facilities
- Equipment and Utensils
- Processes
- Bacteriological testing
- Pest Control
- Recall Plan
- Warehouse and Distribution
- Supervision and Record Keeping Program
- Block Ice Manufacturing Provisions
- Security

Prerequisites:

- Personnel Training
- Master Maintenance Plan
- Raw Materials, supplies control
- Sanitation Standards Operating Procedures

PIQCS PLUS Standards regulate:

- HACCP (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points)
- Crisis Management
- Preferential PIQCS Plus audit rates apply.
- FSMA compliant

Public Affairs

Our efforts are ongoing to achieve our goal of consistent and fair packaged ice regulations for ALL producers whether at retail, wholesale or vending

Networking

The IPIA is a unified group of ice manufacturers and suppliers committed to product quality and safety, growth and superior business practices through the ongoing development and management of standards that enhance the image of the industry to consumers and trade partners. Networking is a primary component and benefit of attending the IPIA Annual Convention and Trade Show.

Annual Convention and Trade Show

Normally is held in November of every year, the IPIA annual convention and Trade Show is the Industry's premier gathering for ice producers worldwide. Associate member suppliers display a wide array of equipment and services for the packaged ice producer. With hundreds in attendance each year, the industry learning sessions, trade show and networking opportunities provide invaluable assistance to attendees. Special Member Registration rates apply.

Marketing

Since 2000, the IPIA continues to develop annual print and digital ad campaigns and press releases targeted at buyers of packaged ice. Using several convenience store and supermarket publications, the IPIA is focusing on the assurance of quality, reliability and a safe product available to them by purchasing packaged ice through an IPIA member.

The association also promotes through press releases, YouTube videos, presentations and advertisements to food sanitarians, government agencies and consumers the quality standards that all of its members must meet and our Vision "ICE IS FOOD!".

Listing of our industry and distribution members conveniently by state on our websites www.packagedice.com and www.safeice.org allows potential customers to easily find our accredited IPIA member ice producers.

Plant Operations

Plant Operations, Distribution and Technology education and information is routinely provided through research, articles and email communication to members.

Information

The IPIA provides a wealth of resources and a constant flow of current information including marketing materials, videos and publications that help you operate with a better understanding of the packaged ice marketplace. Some of the available member information includes:

- **Ice...The Forgotten Food:** This brochure that illustrates the importance of maintaining good manufacturing practices following AFDO guidelines and IPIA PIQCS manufacturing standards. Used frequently also by government health inspectors, it is a highly referenced brochure educating operators that Ice is a Food.
- **The True Cost of Packaging Ice On Premises, A Comprehensive Analysis:** A brochure that provides the convenience store or supermarket buyer with true cost comparison information on on-premises manufacturing.
- **Building Packaged Ice Profits With the Highest Quality Ice Available Only From IPIA Members:** A brochure that provides the convenience store or supermarket buyer with information on the value of using an IPIA ice supplier vs. a non-IPIA supplier.
- **Sanitary Care, Maintenance and Handling of Ice with On Location Ice Machines:** This brochure explains in detail the proper sanitary care and handling procedures of on location ice machines as found in Convenience Store back rooms, restaurants and other food-service operations.
- **PIQCS: (Packaged Ice Quality Control Standards)** IPIA's self-regulated quality standards to assure manufacturing quality. (Available in Spanish) . Includes Good Manufacturing Practices, Pest Control, Recall, Crisis Management, Documentation, Microbiological Testing, Process Control and Developing a HACCP plan.
- **Spotlight On Packaged Ice Video:** available in CD or DVD. This says it all…why 'All Ice Should Be This Good"
- **Copies of Advertisements in Convenience and Grocery trade publications:** Members may use for local marketing.
- **The Ice World Journal:** The International Publication of the Packaged Ice Industry, a quarterly that the IPIA participates in with all other regional ice associations.
- **Annual Directory of Members**
- **CD Cost Analysis:** A customizable spreadsheet that will allow you to keep track of your product and distribution costs.
- **Records & Documentation Binder:** A customized binder for use in maintaining PIQCS/PIQCS Plus documentation records.
- **IPIA Impact Movie:** Used as a sales tool to educate buyers why safe and sanitary IPIA packaged ice is the product of choice.
- **Marketing Tool Kit:** Contains marketing CD's, Ad reproductions and other helpful tools for members in an IPIA portfolio.
- **Applicant Training power point CD:** A power point designed for applicants to assist them in meeting the PIQCS audit standards.

What is the IPIA?

The IPIA is a trade association representing manufacturers and distributors of packaged ice and manufacturers of ice making equipment, supplies and services. Founded in 1917 as the National Association of Ice Industries, this trade organization remains ideal for any size company by providing information and resources that will help growth, manufacturing a safe product and best business practices. Industry member companies' range in size from small distributors and family owned and operated companies with one production location, to multi location producers serving wide geographical regions. The IPIA is the industry's only national trade group in North America and represents over 400 ice manufacturing and distribution locations and approximately 80% of all packaged ice produced. The IPIA is a growing prominent International Association as well. As packaged ice production, distribution and marketing grows worldwide, the IPIA represents and assists these manufacturers in many countries.

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IPIA MEMBERSHIP

Who should join the IPIA?

Any size company will benefit from the many services the IPIA offers. Annual meetings feature equipment packed tradeshows, various best business speakers, information on future trends and new ways to motivate employees. Without a doubt, membership in the IPIA is an ice producer's best value.

Membership will benefit you. Make the choice to join the IPIA and become a proud PIQCS (Packaged Ice Quality Control Standards) accredited plant. PIQCS will be FSMA (Food Safety Modernization Act) compliant.

Application for Industry Membership

Any individual, firm or corporation actively engaged in the production of packaged ice.

Applicants for membership pay an application fee.

Applicants shall receive a copy of the current PIQCS Manual and related Materials.

The Applicant has one year from the application date to meet the requirements for industry membership which includes satisfactory completion of a PIQCS audit and the payment of any unpaid dues.

Industry Member

Any individual, firm or corporation actively engaged in the production of packaged ice.

Industry members MUST meet the mandatory standards for product quality and safety as defined in the Packaged Ice Quality Control Standards (PIQCS) program and by satisfactorily completing an audit of their manufacturing facilities by an approved Food Sanitation Auditor. By meeting the standards, accredited plants maintaining their 'in good standing' membership status have the use of the trademarked IPIA logo and Certificate of Accreditation for usage on packaging, marketing and public relations purposes. Industry members receive Membership plaques and Accreditation Certificates and represent our vision "ICE IS FOOD!".

Distribution Industry Member

Any individual, firm or corporation actively engaged in the distribution of packaged ice. Distribution members are not required to have a PIQCS audit, but must attest that they distribute ice products manufactured by an IPIA member. Distribution members are allowed use of the IPIA logo.

Mission Statement

The mission of the International Packaged Ice Association is to promote the growth and superior business practices for the packaged ice industry through the ongoing development and management of standards and value added services that enhance the image of the industry to the consumers and trade-partners. IPIA will achieve theses objectives through proactive leadership directed by priorities set by its member companies.

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