**Figure 5. CCP decision tree**

1. **Q1** Is the hazard managed by the prerequisite programmes?
   - Yes → Not a CCP (Record the Prerequisite Programme)
   - No → **Q2** Are control measures in place for the hazard?
     - No → **Q2a** Is control necessary? (If no stop, it is not a CCP; if yes, modify the step, process or product to obtain control)
     - Yes → **Q3** Is the process step specifically designed to eliminate or reduce the hazard to an acceptable level?
       - Yes → **Q5** Will a subsequent process step eliminate the identified hazard(s) or reduce the hazard to an acceptable level?
         - Yes → Stop Not a CCP
         - No → Stop Not a CCP
       - No → **Q4** Could contamination with the hazard occur at unacceptable levels or increase to unacceptable levels (if the controls failed)?
         - Yes → Stop Not a CCP
         - No → Critical Control Point