

Code Security Assessment

Hamster

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Summary

This report has been prepared for Hamster to discover issues and vulnerabilities in the source code of the Hamster project as well as any contract dependencies that were not part of an officially recognized library. A comprehensive examination has been performed, utilizing Static Analysis and Manual Review techniques.

The auditing process pays special attention to the following considerations:

- Testing the smart contracts against both common and uncommon attack vectors.
- Assessing the codebase to ensure compliance with current best practices and industry standards.
- Ensuring contract logic meets the specifications and intentions of the client.
- Cross referencing contract structure and implementation against similar smart contracts produced by industry leaders.
- Thorough line-by-line manual review of the entire codebase by industry experts.

The security assessment resulted in findings that ranged from critical to informational. We recommend addressing these findings to ensure a high level of security standards and industry practices. We suggest recommendations that could better serve the project from the security perspective:

- Enhance general coding practices for better structures of source codes;
- Add enough unit tests to cover the possible use cases;
- Provide more comments per each function for readability, especially contracts that are verified in public;
- Provide more transparency on privileged activities once the protocol is live.



Overview

Project Summary

Project Name	Hamster
Description	HamsterSwap is a defi protocol operating on the BSC (Binance Smart Chain) focused on Yield Farming.
Platform	other
Language	Solidity
Codebase	Initial audit: The client provided the source code in a Zip file Updated code: CHEESE 0x045d9E82262dDa9257dF90bC30De74ef6573521a Syrup 0xD9745C632d76199c9D684D3DCF98Da1Bcfb4dD5E MasterChef 0x2D178D981AFeD27c492421C93C68267a103fA578 Presale 0x56C9E0311EED40EeE8Ee182DFb6fd247DF483a28
Commit	

Audit Summary

Delivery Date	Jan 26, 2022
Audit Methodology	Static Analysis, Manual Review



Vulnerability Summary

Vulnerability Level	Total	① Pending	⊗ Declined	i Acknowledged	② Partially Resolved	() Mitigated	⊗ Resolved
Critical	3	0	0	2	0	0	1
Major	12	0	0	11	0	0	1
Medium	4	0	0	1	0	0	3
Minor	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Informational	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Discussion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

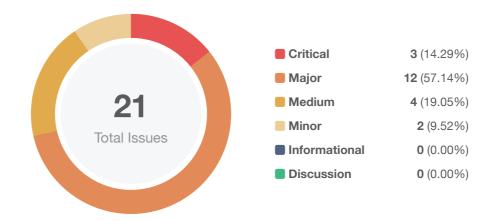


Audit Scope

ID	File	SHA256 Checksum
CHE	CHEESE.sol	c62ed3e529b6ce0cdd7fa71326266c63b46ebed6e580569012f7f7ecb18a7a97
HSC	masterchef.sol	1a2e520c039f40065af0731d1a6184cf8a336224de1513b7a27db839972f7eb8
HSK	presale.sol	c41ce24bfe3a00a772cd7b58a0465cf29a934e81a4d4b5c76b16052ba33688f4



Findings



ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
CHE-01	Privileged functions allow owner to mint unlimited Cheese tokens and withdraw BNB tokens	Centralization / Privilege	Major	(i) Acknowledged
CHE-02	Voting Power Not Moved Along With token transfer/mint/burn	Logical Issue	Major	(i) Acknowledged
HSC-01	OpenZeppelin library code included in source code	Volatile Code	Medium	(i) Acknowledged
<u>HSC-02</u>	Redundant contract Cheese	Volatile Code	Major	(i) Acknowledged
HSC-03	Usage of transfer() for sending Ether	Volatile Code	Minor	(i) Acknowledged
HSC-04	Privileged functions allow owner to mint/burn SyrupBar tokens at will and withdraw Cheese/BNB tokens	Centralization / Privilege	Major	(i) Acknowledged
HSC-05	Incorrect calling of _moveDelegates()	Logical Issue	Major	(i) Acknowledged
HSC-06	Voting Power Not Moved Along With token transfer	Logical Issue	Major	(i) Acknowledged
HSC-07	Third Party Dependencies	Volatile Code	Minor	(i) Acknowledged
HSC-08	Centralization Related Risks	Centralization / Privilege	Major	(i) Acknowledged
HSC-09	SafeMath Not Used	Mathematical Operations	Medium	⊗ Resolved
HSC-10	Error-prone decimal calculation	Logical Issue	Major	(i) Acknowledged
HSC-11	Logic Flaw In emergencyWithdraw()	Logical Issue	Critical	⊗ Resolved



ID	Title	Category	Severity	Status
HSC-12	Over Minted Token	Logical Issue	Medium	⊗ Resolved
<u>HSC-13</u>	add() Function Not Restricted	Volatile Code	Major	⊗ Resolved
<u>HSC-14</u>	Incompatibility With Deflationary Tokens(Farming)	Volatile Code	Major	(i) Acknowledged
HSC-15	Owner can take away all stacked tokens with the migrate function	Centralization / Privilege	Critical	(i) Acknowledged
HSC-16	Owner can take away all stacked tokens with the saftApprove function	Centralization / Privilege	Critical	(i) Acknowledged
<u>HSK-01</u>	Privileged functions allow owner to withdraw tokens	Centralization / Privilege	Major	(i) Acknowledged
HSK-02	Lack of input validation and incorrect calculation	Logical Issue	Major	(i) Acknowledged
HSK-03	endPresale() does not really end presale	Logical Issue	Medium	⊗ Resolved



CHE-01 | Privileged functions allow owner to mint unlimited tokens and withdraw BNB tokens

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization / Privilege	Major	CHEESE.sol: 1088, 859	(i) Acknowledged

Description

In the contract [CHEESE.sol], the role [owner] has the authority over the following function:

- [mint()]
- [recoverBNB()]

Any compromise to the [owner] account may allow the hacker to take advantage of this and mint unlimited Cheese tokens, steal BNB tokens from the contract.

Recommendation

We advise the client to carefully manage the <code>[owner]</code> account's private key to avoid any potential risks of being hacked. In general, we strongly recommend centralized privileges or roles in the protocol to be improved via a decentralized mechanism or smart-contract-based accounts with enhanced security practices, e.g., Multisignature wallets.

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- Time-lock with reasonable latency, e.g., 48 hours, for awareness on privileged operations;
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- Introduction of a DAO/governance/voting module to increase transparency and user involvement.

Alleviation



CHE-02 | Voting Power Not Moved Along With token transfer/mint/burn

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Major	CHEESE.sol: 861	① Acknowledged

Description

The _moveDelegates() is not called in _mint(), _burn(), _transfer(). So the voting power is not moved when tokens are minted/burned/transferred.

Recommendation

We advise the client to call _moveDelegates() when tokens are minted/burned/transferred.

Alleviation



HSC-01 | OpenZeppelin library code included in source code

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Medium	masterchef.sol: 6~950 CHEESE.sol: 5~854 presale.sol: 6~571	(i) Acknowledged

Description

It is highly recommended NOT to include OpenZeppelin library code directly in source code, but import the original library to minimize risk because even slight changes to the library code may lead to critical/major vulnerabilities/bugs. For Solidity version 0.6.x, the latest OpenZeppelin version 3.4.2 should be used.

Recommendation

We advise the client to remove OpenZeppelin library code from source code and import the latest OpenZeppelin version.

Alleviation



HSC-02 | Redundant contract Cheese

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Major	CHEESE.sol: 857 masterchef.sol: 952~1194	(i) Acknowledged

Description

The contract Cheese exists in both CHEESE.sol and masterchef.sol. And it is the one in CHEESE.sol deployed at 0xdE4C794867Be3Ad6c3ddA8CB42Ecad46eb9Fab68 on BSC. See https://bscscan.com/address/0xdE4C794867Be3Ad6c3ddA8CB42Ecad46eb9Fab68#code. But the contract MasterChef references the Cheese contract in masterchef.sol, which means 2 different Cheese contracts are deployed on chain: one is used by outside users, one is used by contract MasterChef.

Recommendation

We advise the client to remove the redundant contract Cheese in masterchef.sol.

Alleviation

[From Hamster team]: We have used governance feature in the CHEESE token Here we have customized the mint function. So we can not use default IBEP20 interface. And the Cheese contract of the Masterchef contract is same with the deployed Cheese contract. We can skip this problem."



HSC-03 | Usage of transfer() for sending Ether

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Minor	presale.sol: 686, 647, 694 masterchef.sol: 1461 CHEESE.sol: 1090	(i) Acknowledged

Description

After <u>EIP-1884</u> was included in the Istanbul hard fork, it is not recommended to use .transfer() or .send() for transferring ether as these functions have a hard-coded value for gas costs making them obsolete as they are forwarding a fixed amount of gas, specifically 2300. This can cause problems in the case of transfering funds to other contracts instead of EOAs.

Recommendation

We advise the client to use [the sendValue() function] from the Address.sol in OpenZeppelin library.

Alleviation

[From Hamster team]: "We can not use sendValue function. If we use this, "member send value not found or not visible after argument-dependent lookup in address" error message appear"



HSC-04 | Privileged functions allow owner to mint/burn SyrupBar tokens at will and withdraw Cheese/BNB tokens

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization / Privilege	Major	masterchef.sol: 1459, 1220, 1204, 1199	(i) Acknowledged

Description

In the contract [SyrupBar] inside masterchef.sol, the role [owner] has the authority over the following function:

- [mint()]
- [burn()]
- [safeCheeseTransfer()]
- [recoverBNB()]

Any compromise to the <code>[owner]</code> account may allow the hacker to take advantage of this and mint/burn SyrupBar tokens at will, steal Cheese/BNB tokens from the contract.

Recommendation

We advise the client to carefully manage the <code>[owner]</code> account's private key to avoid any potential risks of being hacked. In general, we strongly recommend centralized privileges or roles in the protocol to be improved via a decentralized mechanism or smart-contract-based accounts with enhanced security practices, e.g., Multisignature wallets.

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Alleviation



HSC-05 | Incorrect calling of _moveDelegates()

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Major	masterchef.sol: 1206	① Acknowledged

Description

For burning tokens, voting power must be moved from _delegates[_from] to address(0), NOT the other way around.

Recommendation

We advise the client to move voting power from _delegates[_from] to address(0).

Alleviation

[From Hamster team]: "CAKE token is governance token what many user are using now without problem"



HSC-06 | Voting Power Not Moved Along With token transfer

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Major	masterchef.sol: 1201	① Acknowledged

Description

_moveDelegates() is NOT called in _transfer() or transfer()/transferFrom(), so voting power is NOT moved when tokens are transferred.

Recommendation

We advise the client to call _moveDelegates() in _transfer().

Alleviation



HSC-07 | Third Party Dependencies

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Minor	masterchef.sol: 1617 presale.sol: 637	(i) Acknowledged

Description

The contract is serving as the underlying entity to interact with third-party [AggregatorV3Interface], [IMigratorChef] protocols. The scope of the audit treats 3rd party entities as black boxes and assumes their functional correctness. However, in the real world, 3rd parties can be compromised and this may lead to lost or stolen assets. In addition, upgrades of 3rd parties can possibly create severe impacts, such as increasing fees of 3rd parties, migrating to new LP pools, etc.

Recommendation

We understand that the business logic of [Presale], [MasterChef] requires interaction with [AggregatorV3Interface], [IMigratorChef]. We encourage the team to constantly monitor the statuses of 3rd parties to mitigate the side effects when unexpected activities are observed.

Alleviation

[From Hamster team]: "I think we can skip this problem. The AggregatorV3Interfact contract was used for getting the BNB price. I am reading only the BNB price from that. So there is no problem."



HSC-08 | Centralization Related Risks

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization / Privilege	Major	masterchef.sol: 1795, 1791, 1786, 1782, 1767, 1606, 1579, 1562, 1552	(i) Acknowledged

Description

In the contract [MasterChef], the role [owner] has the authority over the following function:

- [updateMultiplier()]
- [add()]
- [set()]
- [setMigrator()]
- [saftApprove()]
- [updateCheesePerBlock()]
- [recoverBNB()]
- [recoverBNBFromCheese()]
- [recoverBNBfromSyrup()]

Any compromise to the [owner] account may allow the hacker to take advantage of this and make the contract malfunction, steal tokens from the contract and other contracts.

Recommendation

We advise the client to carefully manage the <code>[owner]</code> account's private key to avoid any potential risks of being hacked. In general, we strongly recommend centralized privileges or roles in the protocol to be improved via a decentralized mechanism or smart-contract-based accounts with enhanced security practices, e.g., Multisignature wallets.

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Alleviation





HSC-09 | SafeMath Not Used

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Mathematical Operations	Medium	masterchef.sol: 1677, 1699	⊗ Resolved

Description

SafeMath from OpenZeppelin is not used in the following functions which makes them possible for overflow/underflow and will lead to an inaccurate calculation result.

- deposit()
- withdraw()

Recommendation

We advise the client to use OpenZeppelin's SafeMath library for all of the mathematical operations.

Reference: https://github.com/OpenZeppelin/openzeppelin-contracts/blob/master/contracts/utils/math/SafeMath.sol

Alleviation



HSC-10 | Error-prone decimal calculation

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Major	masterchef.sol: 1708~1711, 1700~1702, 1685~1688, 1678	(i) Acknowledged

Description

The amount parameter for erc20 transfer() and transferFrom() uses the decimals returned by erc20 decimals(), NOT fixed value 18. So if any erc20 token with decimals other than 18 is added to the pool, the identified code transfers an incorrect amount of tokens.

Recommendation

We advise the client to use proper decimals for erc20 token transfer.

Alleviation

[From Hamster team]: "We have implemented like that because we are using the Hamster token what decimals is 7. Otherwise we can not add Hamster Token for staking on our contract."



HSC-11 | Logic Flaw In emergencyWithdraw()

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Critical	masterchef.sol: 1758	⊗ Resolved

Description

Please Note This Is Based On a Known Exploit. Use with Cautious!

When msg.sender calls enterStaking(), syrup token will be minted to msg.sender when pool.lpToken is staked in the contract. However, if the msg.sender calls emergencyWithdraw(), the pool.lpToken can be transferred back to the msg.sender but the syrup token that has been minted to the msg.sender will not be burnt. Therefore, msg.sender can call enterStaking() and emergencyWithdraw() repeatedly to ultimately mint a huge amount of syrup token, with just the same amount of pool.lpToken

Recommendation

We advise the client to burn the same amount of syrup along with the withdraw of pool.lpToken when calling the emergencyWithdraw(). i.e:

```
function emergencyWithdraw(uint256 _pid) public {
   PoolInfo storage pool = poolInfo[_pid];
   UserInfo storage user = userInfo[_pid][msg.sender];
   if(_pid == 0) {
       syrup.burn(msg.sender, user.amount);
   }
   uint256 amount = user.amount;
   user.amount = 0;
   user.rewardDebt = 0;
   pool.lpToken.safeTransfer(address(msg.sender), amount);
   emit EmergencyWithdraw(msg.sender, _pid, amount);
}
```

Alleviation



HSC-12 | Over Minted Token

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Medium	masterchef.sol: 1663~1664	⊗ Resolved

Description

updatePool() function minted 100% + 10% (dev fee is included as 10% of the 100%) of total rewards.

Recommendation

Fix to mint 100% of the block reward instead of 100% + 10% (dev fee is included as 10% of the 100%) like in other MasterChef clones.

Alleviation



HSC-13 | add() Function Not Restricted

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Major	masterchef.sol: 1562	○ Resolved

Description

The comment in line L1561, mentioned // XXX DO NOT add the same LP token more than once. Rewards will be messed up if you do.

The total amount of reward eggReward in function updatePool() will be incorrectly calculated if the same LP token is added into the pool more than once in function add().

However, the code is not reflected in the comment behaviors as there isn't any valid restriction on preventing this issue.

The current implementation is relying on the trust of the owner to avoid repeatedly adding the same LP token to the pool, as the function will only be called by the owner.

Recommendation

Detect whether the given pool for addition is a duplicate of an existing pool. The pool addition is only successful when there is no duplicate. Using a mapping of addresses -> booleans, which can restricted the same address being added twice.

Alleviation



HSC-14 | Incompatibility With Deflationary Tokens(Farming)

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Volatile Code	Major	masterchef.sol	① Acknowledged

Description

When transferring standard ERC20 deflationary tokens, the input amount may not be equal to the received amount due to the charged transaction fee. For example, if a user stakes 100 deflationary tokens (with a 10% transaction fee) in a MasterChef, only 90 tokens actually arrived in the contract. However, the user can still withdraw 100 tokens from the contract, which causes the contract to lose 10 tokens in such a transaction.

The MasterChef takes the pool token balance(the <code>lpSupply</code>) into account when calculating the users' reward. An attacker can repeat the process of deposit and withdraw to lower the token balance(<code>lpSupply</code>) in a deflationary token pool and cause the contract to increase the reward amount.

Reference: https://thoreum-finance.medium.com/what-exploit-happened-today-for-gocerberus-and-garuda-also-for-lokum-ybear-piggy-caramelswap-3943ee23a39f

Recommendation

We advise the client to regulate the set of pool tokens supported and add necessary mitigation mechanisms to keep track of accurate balances if there is a need to support deflationary tokens.

Alleviation



HSC-15 | Owner can take away all stacked tokens with the migrate

function

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization / Privilege	Critical	masterchef.sol: 1611	(i) Acknowledged

Description

In the contract masterchef.sol, the role owner has authority over the following functions:

- migrate()
- setMigrator()

Any compromise to the owner account may allow a hacker to take advantage of this authority and set a malicious Migrator to take away all stacked tokens.

Recommendation

It's recommended to remove the migrate function from the contract if the project does not require it.

Alleviation



HSC-16 | Owner can take away all stacked tokens with the saftApprove

function

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization / Privilege	Critical	masterchef.sol: 1767~1769	(i) Acknowledged

Description

In the contract masterchef.sol, the role owner has authority over the following functions:

saftApprove()

The owner can utilize this function to approve any address the max allowance of all stacked tokens. The address then can take away all tokens from the MasterChef contract with the "transferFrom" function.

Recommendation

It's recommended to remove the function from the contract if the project can't justify why such function is needed.

Alleviation

[From Hamster team:] "If some tokens arrive in the masterchef with wrong operation, we can withdraw them and send to users. Hamster contract received more than 200 BNB and now we can't touch them. We wanna protect owner investors if they are something wrong."



HSK-01 | Privileged functions allow owner to withdraw tokens

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Centralization / Privilege	Major	presale.sol: 720, 716, 712, 708, 704, 699, 690	(i) Acknowledged

Description

In the contract [Presale], the role [owner] has the authority over the following function:

- [endPresale()]
- [withdrawTokens()]
- [saftApprove()]
- [setStartTime()]
- [setEndTime()]
- [setHardCap()]
- [setSoftCap()]

Any compromise to the [owner] account may allow the hacker to take advantage of this and make the contract malfunction, steal tokens from the contract.

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Alleviation



HSK-02 | Lack of input validation and incorrect calculation

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Major	presale.sol: 726	① Acknowledged

Description

In extreme conditions or when the data provider is hacked, the price value answer can be negative which is not handled properly by the code. And normally the actual price value is not an integer, so the decimals() from AggregatorV3Interface must be used for proper calculation.

Recommendation

We advise the client to revert when price value is negative and use decimals() from AggregatorV3Interface for proper calculation.

Alleviation



HSK-03 | endPresale() does not really end presale

Category	Severity	Location	Status
Logical Issue	Medium	presale.sol: 690	⊗ Resolved

Description

When block.timestamp >= startTime && block.timestamp <= endTime, even after endPresale() is called, users can still successfully call buyTokens().

Recommendation

We advise the client to either remove time checking in hasEnded() or require that endPresale() can only be called after presale period is over.

Alleviation

Fixed at https://bscscan.com/address/0x56C9E0311EED40EeE8Ee182DFb6fd247DF483a28#code



Appendix

Finding Categories

Centralization / Privilege

Centralization / Privilege findings refer to either feature logic or implementation of components that act against the nature of decentralization, such as explicit ownership or specialized access roles in combination with a mechanism to relocate funds.

Mathematical Operations

Mathematical Operation findings relate to mishandling of math formulas, such as overflows, incorrect operations etc.

Logical Issue

Logical Issue findings detail a fault in the logic of the linked code, such as an incorrect notion on how block.timestamp works.

Volatile Code

Volatile Code findings refer to segments of code that behave unexpectedly on certain edge cases that may result in a vulnerability.

Checksum Calculation Method

The "Checksum" field in the "Audit Scope" section is calculated as the SHA-256 (Secure Hash Algorithm 2 with digest size of 256 bits) digest of the content of each file hosted in the listed source repository under the specified commit.

The result is hexadecimal encoded and is the same as the output of the Linux "sha256sum" command against the target file.



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