

IFS CERTIFICATION

IFS standards support implementation of legal provisions for food and product safety.

BUSINESS CHALLENGE

Demand for food safety is growing. Consumers and authorities increasingly insist that the food we eat is backed by high levels of quality and security. If a safety or quality issue occurs, the source needs to be found quickly and the problem needs to be rectified.

Demands are quickly made of retail first, but responsibility now spreads through the entire food supply chain to include food producers, primary producers and transporters.



WHAT IS IFS?

International Featured Standards (IFS) are uniform standards for food, products and services. They ensure that an IFS-certified company's products and services comply with customer specifications, while continually working on improvement.

Any company wishing to supply food products to retailers and international food manufacturers must meet Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) requirements.

Bureau Veritas offers independent third-party certification to IFS, approved GFSI benchmarked standard to food industry companies and their suppliers.

IFS STANDARDS

- **IFS FOOD:** Focuses on food safety and the quality of processes and products. It targets food processing companies and companies that pack loose food products.

IFS Food applies when products are "processed" or when there is a chance of product contamination during primary packing. The Standards is important for all food manufacturers, especially for those producing private labels, as it contains many requirements related to compliance with customer specifications.

IFS Food has been developed with the full and active involvement of certification bodies, retailers, and food industry and service companies.

- **IFS LOGISTICS:** Specifically developed for storage and unloading activities. It can also be implemented in environments where both food and non-food products are managed.
- **IFS BROKER:** Ensures product safety and quality by bridging the gap between production and distribution. Trading partners expect brokers, agents; and importers to communicate their product requirements to manufacturers so they can be clearly understood and implemented.
- **IFS WHOLESALERS/ CASH & CARRY:** Optimizes the audit procedures of wholesalers and cash & carry markets. These two distinct types of businesses are considered important links between producers and processors, as well as commercial clients. In addition to having a wide range of products, these businesses may also conduct treatment and/or processing activities and develop their own brands. Depending on the core business of the company, a tailor- made checklist applies, either for Wholesale or Cash & Carry.



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KEY BENEFITS



Access to markets in Germany, France, Italy and Spain...



Effective control of internal processes, minimizing risk of failure



Reinforced customer confidence



Strengthened relationships with retail distributors



Focus kept on qualitative improvements



Streamlined production



Minimization of significant food risks



Signals a proactive approach to food safety



Increased transparency

OUR PROCESS

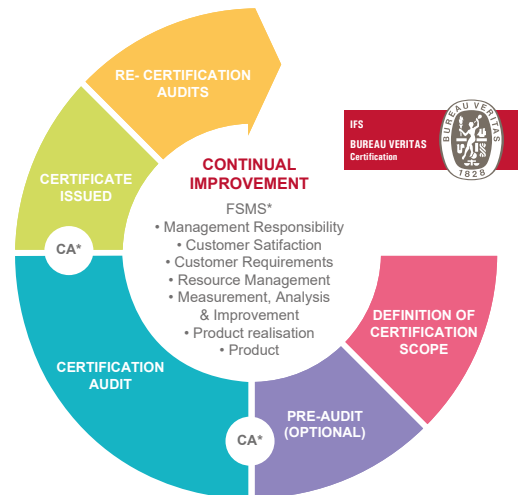
Key steps in our certification process are:

- **Definition of certification scope;**
- **Pre-audit (optional):** gap analysis and diagnosis of your current position against standard;
- **Certification audit** (certificate issued) to verify that BRCGS or IFS requirements are met;
- **Re-certification** audit to follow compliance and continual improvement.

After each step, a thorough, straightforward report is quickly delivered allowing your company to continually improve its food safety management performance.

* FSMS: Food Safety Management System

** CA: Corrective Action (if necessary)



WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS SERVICES?



FOOD EXPERTISE

Bureau Veritas Certification can help every player in the food supply chain to meet the highest standards in Quality, Health & Safety and Environmental compliance.



RECOGNITION

Bureau Veritas Certification is accredited worldwide for these food safety programs through the international accreditation bodies PCA (Poland), ENAC (Spain), ACCREDIA (Italy), COFRAC (France); and DANAK (Denmark).



NETWORK

We operate in more than 100 countries. This global presence means that our clients receive the double advantage of international expertise and a genuine depth of local knowledge (language, culture, laws, customs, etc.), ensuring a high-quality audit.



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