

## IFS Broker V3.2

### Context

The standard must be understood in the context of the entire "IFS family". The general purpose of the default-owner is to describe the specific requirements that must meet the organizations involved in order to demonstrate that they produce safe, legal and specification-compliant food.

The IFS Food requirements are only applicable to manufacturers of actual food products who process in any form only raw materials and/or semi-finished products into finished products.

IFS Logistics is applicable to logistics companies that take the actual goods into their custody, store them if necessary and then deliver them.

IFS Broker is applied to companies that mainly carry out trading activities, choose suppliers themselves, make the purchases themselves, ship the goods, and invoice customers for the goods, even if the dealer himself has no contact with the goods.

### Standard

The following 6 chapters are the basis of the IFS Broker 3.2 Standard

1. Senior Management Responsibility
2. Quality and product safety Management System
3. Resource management
4. Planning and Services Process
5. Measurements, Analyses, Improvements
6. Product defense assessment

The standard can be obtained free of charge on the IFS website.

### Targets

Distributors and organizations must have clear procedures for selecting suppliers.

### Target group

The standard applies to

- Intermediaries of companies (Brokers/Middleman) that only receive a commission.
- Importers (the right to define the manufacturer).
- Trader / Dealer, who become the owners of the goods (product liability becomes applicable).

- Agencies (acting on behalf of and on behalf of third parties).

- sales representatives, traders and importers of food, household and personal care products or packaging materials.

If a Broker also offers logistics services, these must be certified according to IFS Logistics.

### Recognition

The certificate issued by ProCert is recognized nationally and internationally by the retail trade.

### Benefits for customers

- Possibility to include the unannounced audit program.
- Combining Broker with other IFS Audits is possible
- Recognized by GFSI

### New features in version 3.2

- Updates in the scoring system
- the B-score is considered a deviation again, requiring a correction and corrective action
- Introduced the "star status", signaling when the audit was carried out as unannounced
- No changes in the requirements

### Validity of certificate

1 year

### Audit and transfer to Version 3.2

The audit must be renewed every 12 months. The previous audit date is relevant and not the certificate issue date. A normal audit day duration is 8 hours on-site.

The new version is **mandatory starting from 1st July 2024**, given the small changes there is no transition period, from that date on companies are audited with version 3.2.

### Possible combinations

Possible with all IFS Standards

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