



IFS Logistics Version 3

Context

IFS Logistics meets the common objective of retailers and producers to ensure transparency and trust throughout the supply chain.

This IFS standard, which was specially developed for activities in the areas of storage, distribution and transport as well as loading and unloading, can be implemented for both food and non-food products.

IFS Logistics applies to both packaged and unpackaged food, but also to products that must be stored under controlled conditions (e.g. meat, bread, milk, oil, etc.). In the case of unpackaged products, neither processing nor primary packaging takes place.

Standard

The following 5 chapters are the basis of the IFS Logistics 3 Standard

1. Governance & commitment.
2. Product safety and quality management system.
3. Resource management.
4. Realization of the logistic service.
5. Measurements, analysis, improvements.

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

Targets of IFS Logistic Standard

- Ensuring compatibility and transparency throughout the supply chain
- Introduction of a common standard with standardized evaluation systems
- Reducing costs and time for suppliers and retailers
- Cooperation with accredited certification bodies

Target group

The standard applies to:

- Logistics activities for food and non-food products, such as transportation, storage, distribution, loading, off-loading, etc.
- Activities of all types, including delivery by road, rail or ship, for frozen, refrigerated temperature or ambient stable products (in different states: liquid, solid or gas).
- Freezing and thawing service providers.
- Ripening of fruit and vegetables
- Simple sorting of fruit and vegetables under qualitative aspects
- packing of pre-packed products
- labelling as adhering already created labels in packed products intended for final consumer

- Logistics companies that use service providers for their transport and/or storage activities.
- If a logistics organization also offers trading activities, these can be certified according to IFS Broker.

Recognition

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

Benefits for customers

- Standard is recognized by GFSI.
- Improving trust in suppliers and products.
- Regulatory compliance control in terms of food/non-food product safety.
- Possibility to integrate the unannounced audit program.
- The scoring system drives continuous improvement

More information available on [link](#).

Validity of certificate

1 year

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The new version is mandatory from December 1, 2024.

Audit

The audit must be renewed every 12 months. The date of the previous audit is decisive, not the date the certificate was issued. The audit usually lasts 8 hours on site.

Possible combinations

Possible with all other Standards

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