

IFS Progress Food

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.

IFS Progress Food offers an easy entry into adequate food safety and quality processes and helps to meet legal and customer requirements. Companies can set the path towards IFS Certification with own customers, including the pace and milestones.

Standard

The following 5 chapters are the basis of the Progress Food V3 Standard:

1. Governance & commitment.
2. Food safety and quality management system.
3. Resource management.
4. Operational processes.
5. Measurements, analysis, improvements.

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

Targets

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

Target group

The IFS Progress Food Program can only be applied when the product is "processed" or where there is a hazard of product contamination from primary packing.

The program is built in steps to support implementing, maintaining, and progressing the food safety and quality processes of a company. The basic level of the program comprises 45% of the IFS Food Standard requirements, and the Intermediate level 70%.

In order to cover the requirements of EU legislation in basic level requirements, or when demanded by business partners, HACCP requirements from intermediate level can be shifted to the basic level checklist. This combined checklist is named basic level + HACCP and its requirements encompass

approximately 55% of the key elements of the IFS Food Standard.

The expected duration of each level is one year. Within three years, your company should reach IFS Food Certification (100%). The program allows flexibility in the timeframe and goals if agreed upon with your business partners.

Recognition

The "Letter of Confirmation" issued by ProCert is recognized nationally and internationally by the retail trade.

Benefits for customers

- Improving trust in suppliers and products.
- IFS Progress Food offers an easy entry into adequate food safety and quality processes and helps to meet legal and customer requirements
- The development program helps you gradually build your food safety and quality management and leads you to IFS Food Certification, as next possible step
- It follows a risk-based, product and process approach that promotes continuous improvement.
- This program approach creates a focus on the areas of importance to the unique processes of each company
- Possibility to integrate the unannounced audit program.

More information available on link:

- www.ifs-certification.com/en/progress-food-program

Validity of the Letter of Confirmation

1 year

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