



IFS Food Version 6

Context

The members of the German and French retail federation Handelsverband - Deutschland (HDE) / Fédération des Entreprises du Commerce et de la Distribution (FCD) drew up a quality and food safety standard for retailer branded food products: The IFS (International Food Standard) is developed to allow an assessment of quality and security of food suppliers based on one uniform base. This standard is administered by the IFS Management GmbH (property of FCD and HDE). It applies to all the post-farm gate stages of food processing and is recognised by GFSI. Experiences, changes in legislation and a revision of the "GFSI Guidance Document" led to the release of version 6, valid since 1. July 2012 (updated April 2014).

Standard

The requirements are divided into 5 chapters:

- Senior Management Responsibility
- Quality and Food Safety Management System
- Resource Management
- Planning and Production Process
- Measurements, Analysis, Improvements

Remark: Other IFS Standards are specially developed for other companies: logistic (IFS Logistics), trade (IFS Broker), wholesaler / Cash & Carry (IFS Wholesaler / Cash & Carry), packaging (IFS Pack Secure), chemistry / perfume / hygiene (IFS HPC), distribution (IFS Food Store).

The standard is available on the IFS-Website.

Targets

Assessment of the different parts of the company's management system of quality and security of food are documented, implemented, updated and improved constantly. Then bringing them surely and loyal onto the market.

Guarantee of control and keeping the requirements to retailer branded products.

Target group

Manufacturer of ingredients, food and feed who like to have a certification recognised by the big retailers.

Recognition

The IFS Food-certificate which is issued by ProCert is recognised by national and international suppliers.

Profit for certified customers

- Giving the retailers guarantees
- Agreement with the requirements and standards which are required by the European retailers

Validity of certificate

1 year

Audit

Yearly audit by ProCert. The duration depends on the maximum number of employees, the product and process scopes which will be converted. The calculation is done by the IFS-tool.

Possible combinations

All GFSI recognized Standards are able to combine: BRC, ISO 22000, FSSC 22000 and "ecological farming" audits.

Owner

IFS is property of the IFS Management GmbH. The development of version 6 of the IFS Food was mainly done by IFS International Technical Committee and working groups from France, Germany and Italy.

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