



BRCGS Global Markets

Global Markets Programme for Manufacturers of Food Packaging



MOTIVATION AND BENEFITS

The Global Markets Programme has been developed to complement the Global Standard for Packaging and Packaging Materials (Issue 5).

As certification to the Global Standard continues to evolve, it is important to provide opportunities to recognise and encourage the development of product safety and quality management systems in sites where the full requirements of the standard may add less value and in sites that are still establishing their management systems.

The scheme will enable audits and recognition against a set of requirements of the standard identified as basic level and a further set of requirements at intermediate level. The basic and the intermediate level conditions of the Global Markets Programme use the high-hygiene requirements of the standard to provide recognised stepping stones leading towards eventual certification to the full standard, if required. The levels, however, also provide recognition of attaining basic and intermediate levels which are increasingly acknowledged by customers as providing assurance about the product safety systems operated at their suppliers' sites.

OBJECTIVES

The programme:

- is aligned with the GFSI Global Markets Programme, allowing customers to recognise the levels attained (the full Global Standard for Packaging and Packaging Materials is GFSI-benchmarked);
- provides a clearly defined audit and recognition process operated in accordance with the requirements of accreditation;
- uses auditors that meet the same demanding competency requirements as auditors used for the full BRCGS Packaging;
- enables companies to achieve basic and intermediate levels and access to their audit reports in the secure login section of the BRCGS Packaging Directory, allowing recognition of their achievements;
- uses requirements based on the Global Standard for Packaging and Packaging Materials, enabling the basic and intermediate levels to provide effective stepping stones towards full certification if requested by customers;

- requires completion of corrective actions of non-conformity with the standard prior to recognition at the basic or intermediate level, thus reducing the need for customers to follow up audit reports.

Note: the Global Markets Programme is also available for food manufacturers and is called "BRCGS Start!".

TARGET GROUP

The standard sets out the requirements for manufacturers of packaging and packaging materials for food and non-food applications. It is also intended to apply to prior operations (e.g. production of packaging materials for conversion or printing); operations that are supplying packaging material from stock where additional product processing or repacking occurs. Moreover, it includes packaging manufacturers who also produce consumer-disposable goods that come into contact with food (e.g. disposable plastic drinking cups, aluminium foil) and the manufacture and supply of other materials that are unconverted or semi-converted and used or incorporated (e.g. coatings and adhesives), where this is based on a risk analysis and mutually agreed on among those involved.





The standard shall not apply to packaging or materials that do not undergo any process at the site audited, or to activities relating to wholesale, importation, distribution or storage outside the direct control of the company.

CRITERIA

The requirements at the basic level of the Global Markets Programme are intended to assist sites to develop product safety capacity and processes, commonly referred to as Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP). The requirements at the intermediate level build upon the basic-level safety requirements and are intended to support sites and their customers to comply with legislative requirements for packaging materials. Legislation covering food contact materials differs in detail worldwide but generally requires businesses to:

- undertake a hazard and risk analysis (HARA/HACCP), or risk-based approach to the management of product safety;
- provide a processing environment which ensures that the risks of product contamination are minimized;
- ensure the traceability of products produced;
- ensure staff is trained and aware of its responsibilities to reduce the risk of product contamination;
- establish and maintain a risk-assessed programme for product examination, testing or analysis;
- monitor and act upon customer complaints.

ACCREDITATION

Quality Austria - Trainings, Zertifizierungs und Begutachtungs GmbH has been accredited by the BMDW in accordance with ÖNORM EN ISO / TS 17065 for certifications on the basis of the BRC since February 2006 and is therefore approved as an Austrian certification body by the British Retail Consortium BRC.

OTHER RELEVANT STANDARDS

ISO 9001, Annex to CAC/RCP 1-1969 (Rev. 4 - 2003), Guideline EU 2016/C 278/01, ISO 22000, ISO/TS 22002-1/-2/-4/-5 (Prerequisite Programmes on Food Safety - Food Manufacturing/Catering/Food Packaging Manufacturing/Transport and storage), FSSC 22000, IFS Standards, BRCGS Standards

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