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Information for certification success



Useful guidance



Additional documents to support certification



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NB¹: Some documents can be found in different languages this will be indicated by a "L" after the document title

NB²: Sites must ensure they are in "British Pounds" currency on the left-hand side when searching for these documents on the BRCGS Store

Document Title	Description	Location	Cost
Global Standard Food Safety (Issue 8) ^L	The Global Standard for Food Safety has been developed to specify the safety, legality, authenticity, quality and operational criteria required within a food manufacturing organisation to fulfil obligations with regard to legal compliance and protection of the consumer.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free locked PDF, £125 Unlocked PDF
Global Standard Food Safety (Issue 9) ^L	The Global Standard for Food Safety has been developed to specify the safety, legality, authenticity, quality, and operational criteria required within a food manufacturing organisation to fulfil obligations with regard to legal compliance and protection of the consumer.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free locked PDF, £140 Unlocked PDF
BRCGS072 - Certificate Extension for Audits Impacted by Covid-19 ^L	Covers the mandatory requirements on certification extensions for audits affected by Covid-19.	BRCGS website – Resources – Covid 19 Response – Procedural documents	Free download
BRCGS078 - Position Statement Amending Audit Protocol Post Covid-19 Lockdown	To help mitigate potential resource issues due to Covid-19 which impact the planning and undertaking of audits.	BRCGS website – Resources – Covid 19 Response – Procedural documents	Free download
BRCGS086 - Remote Certification During Pandemic and Serious Event Restrictions	Outlines the audit protocol where certification bodies may audit and certify organizations against a BRCGS Standard, utilizing a fully remote assessment protocol.	BRCGS website – Resources – Covid 19 Response – Procedural documents	Free download

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BRCGS087 - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Remote Audits, Blended Audits, and Certificate Extensions	Answers frequently asked questions to help practical implementation of BRCGS processes relating to certificate extensions, blended audits and remote audits conducted.	BRCGS website – Resources – Covid 19 Response – Procedural documents	Free download
Global Standard Food Safety (Issue 8) Interpretation Guideline	The Interpretation Guideline for the Global Standard Food Safety Issue 8 further explains and discusses the principles behind each of the requirements of the Global Standard Food Safety Issue 8 clause by clause.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free on Participate, £125 Unlocked PDF
Global Standard Food Safety (Issue 9) Interpretation Guideline	The Interpretation Guideline for the Global Standard Food Safety Issue 9 further explains and discusses the principles behind each of the requirements of the Global Standard Food Safety Issue 9 clause by clause.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free on Participate, £190 Unlocked PDF
Global Standard Food Safety (Issue 8) Guide to Key Changes	This publication provides full details of all changes to the requirements of the Global Standard Issue 8 compared against Issue 7.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free on Participate, £125 Unlocked PDF
Global Standard Food Safety (Issue 9) Guide to Key Changes	This publication provides full details of all changes to the requirements of the Global Standard Issue 9 compared against Issue 8.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free on Participate, £125 Unlocked PDF
Issue 8 FAQs	A new issue of the Standard often generates questions as sites, certification bodies and specifiers ensure they understand the new requirements. The most frequently asked questions relating to Issue 8 of the Global Standard for Food Safety are detailed in the latest FAQs.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free download
Issue 8 Auditor Checklist and Site Self-Assessment Tool ^L	Checklist for sites to assess themselves against the requirements before audit.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free download
Issue 9 Auditor Checklist and Site Assessment Tool ^L	Checklist for sites to assess themselves against the requirements before audit.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free download
Understanding High-Risk, High-Care & Ambient High-Care ^L	This guideline is intended to help sites understand whether the products they produce will require handling in a high-risk, high-care or ambient high-care area, and how the specific clauses for these areas should be interpreted.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free on Participate, £60 on Store
Audit Duration Calculator Food Issue 8	To calculate the audit durations for audits from 1st April 2020.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free download
Fresh Produce Guideline	The aim of this guideline is to provide assistance to packers of fresh produce covered under Category 5 of the Global Standard for Food Safety. Category 5 covers fruit, vegetables and nuts.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free on Participate, £60 on Store

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Understanding Allergen Management	Managing allergens provides a significant challenge for suppliers across the food, packaging and consumer goods supply chains.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free on Participate, £60 on Store
Understanding Product Changeover	This guideline aims to assist food manufacturers and provide good-practice guidance to help them manage product changeover effectively, but it does not specifically offer guidance on initial line start-up.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free on Participate, £60 on Store
Product Safety Rationale	This aims to highlight and summarise, on the audit report, the characteristics of the product and production processes that make the final product microbiologically safe for consumption or its intended use throughout its shelf-life.	BRCGS Participate	Free download
Understanding Vulnerability Assessment	The Global Standard for Food Safety defines food fraud as the fraudulent and intentional substitution, dilution or addition to a product or raw material, or misrepresentation of the product or material, for the purpose of financial gain, by either increasing the apparent value of the product or reducing the cost of its production.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free on Participate, £60 on Store
Understanding air quality and air filter specification in the food industry	The food and beverage industry is well regulated and there are strict controls on how manufacturing facilities must operate to ensure that food is produced free of contaminants and safe to consume.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free on Participate, £60 on Store
Position Statements for Issue 8 ^L	This document contains all position statements against Global Standard Food Safety (Issue 8) since publication.	BRCGS website and Participate	Free download
Understanding preventative action and root cause analysis	Explains what a preventative action and root cause analysis are.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free on Participate, £60 on Store
Global G.A.P. Chain of Custody (Module - 10)	Additional Module - It is applicable to food producers and manufacturers packing fresh produce who wish to make a claim of origination from a GLOBAL G.A.P. Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA) certificated producer or producer group.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free locked PDF, £60 Unlocked PDF
Meat Supply Chain (Module - 11)	Additional Module -This module published alongside the Global Standard Food Safety Issue 8 has been designed to reduce multiple audits by covering additional specific geographical or customer requirements and auditing them at the same time as the Global Standards audit.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free locked PDF, £60 Unlocked PDF
FSMA Preventive Controls Preparedness Module (Module 13)	Additional Module -The aim of this module is to assist manufacturing organizations in understanding those prescriptive elements within the FSMA Preventive Controls for Human Foods that are not explicitly covered within the Global Standard for Food Safety.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free locked PDF, £60 Unlocked PDF

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Managing Food Safety During Covid	The restrictions which many countries have brought into place to manage the spread of Covid-19 have in turn severely impacted the food industry.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free download
Guideline for Category 1 – Raw Red Meat	The aim of this Guideline is to provide assistance to producers of raw red meat covered under Category 1 of the Global Standard Food Safety Issue 8.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free on Participate, £60 on the BRCGS Store
Guideline for Category 2 - Raw Poultry	The aim of this guideline is to provide assistance to producers of poultry covered under Category 2 of the Global Standard Food Safety Issue 8.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free on Participate, £60 on the BRCGS Store
Best Practice Guide to Product Safety Culture	This document looks at what product safety culture is, why is it important and how it can be improved within a site.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free on Participate, £60 on the BRCGS Store
Global Standard Food Safety Issue 8: Sites Training	Course enables delegates to gain a full understanding of the general principles of the Standard, and how to comply with the requirements.	BRCGS Website	£715
Global Standard Food Safety Issue 9: Conversion for Sites	Course will provide you with an in-depth understanding of the revisions of the Global Standard Food Safety Issue 9, as well as a review of audit protocol.	BRCGS Website	Check website for course cost

START! SPECIFIC RESOURCES

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Start! Standard ^L	The START! programme has been developed to complement the Global Standard for Food Safety.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free locked PDF, £60 Unlocked PDF
BASIC START! Auditor Checklist and Site Self-Assessment Tool ^L	Checklist for Global Standard START! basic.	BRCGS Website and Participate	Free download
INTERMEDIATE START! Auditor Checklist and Site Self-Assessment Tool ^L	Checklist for Global Standard START! intermediate.	BRCGS Website and Participate	Free download
What to consider when choosing a Food Safety assurance Scheme	Factsheet to guide you to choose the most appropriate assurance programme.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free download
SALSA TO START! Auditor Checklist and Site Self-Assessment Tool	For SALSA sites, the SALSA TO START! Auditor Checklist and Site Self-Assessment Tool.	BRCGS Store and Participate	Free download

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