

BRCGS

Frequently Asked Questions

What is involved in the certification process?

BRCGS certification requires a combined on-site document review and facility inspection conducted in the same visit. Audit duration for the average supplier typically requires two days for the onsite visit and an additional 1/2 to 1 day for off-site report writing and corrective action management. Total audit time is determined based on employee count, number of HACCP studies, complexity of processes, and facility square footage.

How long is the certification valid and how often will we be audited?

Audit results are not graded unlike the other BRCGS Standards. The first re-audit after initial certification will take place within 12 months of the initial audit date. Subsequent audits will be carried out either 12 or 18 months according to the number and type of nonconformities identified.

How do we get started?

We highly recommend that you initiate a relationship with your certification body prior to completing the implementation of your system. This will help you plan for the certification process in terms of budgeting and scheduling. As part of the planning process, we also highly recommend a pre-assessment, both to assess your preparedness and to increase your overall chances of passing your initial certification audit the first time.

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The British Retail Consortium (BRCGS) Standard for Storage and Distribution is an auditing standard applicable to companies providing storage and distribution of products. Highly versatile, this standard may be applied at any phase in the distribution chain from primary production to retail; farm to processor, primary processor to manufacturer, manufacturer to offsite warehousing, warehousing to retail depots, retail depots to store, store to final consumer.

Originally published in 2006 by the British Retail Consortium, the standard was developed by a multi-stakeholder group that included a huge range of knowledge, from retailers to independent experts and certification bodies.

BRCGS's Global Standard for Storage & Distribution represents best practices and facilitating processes of continual improvement through risk-based product safety management systems.



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Update to Issue 3 – What's New?

The newest version of the BRCGS Global Standard for Storage & Distribution was published on August 1st, 2016, with audits to the new standard beginning February 1st, 2017. While Issue 3 still covers the same activities as Issue 2, a renewed focus on ensuring audit consistency and a new grading system were key aspects of the new version. Requirements for own-label wholesalers have been fortified to reduce their exposure to fraud, and there are increased requirements for supplier approval. Issue 3 focuses heavily on companies providing contracted services in fields where recalls and withdrawals are common (such as label and packaging management).

“The development of Issue 3 has been based on the values of the previous issues while ensuring that the update reflects the latest best practices. The consultation with the users of the Standard set the main focus for the rewrite on improving product security and reducing vulnerabilities in the supply chain.”

– Thomas Owen,
BRCGS Global Standards Scheme Manager

Benefits of Certification

- Recognized by customers around the world, providing a benchmark for best practice in storage and distribution.
- Certificated sites may appear on the BRCGS Directory allowing customer recognition of their achievements.
- Comprehensive in scope, covering areas of quality, hygiene and product safety
- When effectively implemented it can reduce damage, waste and cost.

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