



FACT SHEET

IFS PACsecure

Standard for auditing packaging material manufacturing and converting processes in relation to product safety, quality and customer specification compliance.

The IFS PACsecure Standard is the result of the joint effort of IFS, the Packaging Association of Canada (currently Packaging Consortium), and the technical working group consisting of leading food and packaging companies in North America. This IFS Standard was created to assess the quality and safety of packaging materials and the compliance with customer requirements, but also as a tool to support businesses to meet new requirements on quality, transparency and efficiency, resulting from globalisation, and to improve product integrity along the entire supply chain.

IFS PACsecure is applicable to manufacturers of all kinds of primary and secondary packaging materials. This means that it is applicable for food contact materials (e.g. plastic foils for vegetables, cans for beverages, paper wrapping for flour, glass bottles for wine, cardboard boxes for fruit, etc.) and non-food contact materials (e.g. cosmetic products, household products, consumer goods, hardware, etc.).

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Scope

The standard was developed for manufacturers and converters of the following materials:

- Flexible packaging
- Rigid plastic
- Paper
- Metal
- Glass
- Other natural materials



Coverage

IFS PACsecure audits are carried out by qualified auditors of independent accredited and approved certification bodies. The requirements of the IFS PACsecure are divided into six chapters:

- Senior management responsibility
- Quality and packaging material safety management system
- Resource management
- Planning and production process
- Measurements, analysis, improvements
- Product defense plan and external inspections.



Objectives

- Ensure comparability and transparency throughout the entire supply chain
- Establish a common standard with a uniform evaluation system
- Reduce costs and time for both manufacturers and retailers
- Work with accredited certification bodies and qualified IFS approved auditors
- Meet GFSI requirements.



Benefits

Like all IFS Standards IFS PACsecure encourages companies to develop their own risk-based solutions to comply with the requirements. IFS Certification offers several key benefits for companies striving for excellence in quality, product safety and customer satisfaction, and seeking a competitive advantage in their market place:

- Improved understanding between management and staff relating to good practices, standards and procedures
- Monitoring of compliance with regulations
- More effective use of resources
- Reduction in the need for customer audits
- Independent third-party audits
- Higher flexibility through individual implementation due to risk-based approach
- Improved business reputation as a manufacturer of high-quality and safe packaging products
- Ability to work with customers requiring third party audits
- Use of the IFS PACsecure logo and certificate to demonstrate compliance with the highest standard



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