

IFS PACsecure STANDARD VERSION 2



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IFS PACsecure version 2 assesses the quality and safety of packaging materials and their compliance with regulation and customer requirements. It supports businesses in meeting the growing transparency and traceability demands in the market and contributes to improving product integrity and increasing efficiency.

The standard is applicable for the production, processing and/or conversion of packaging components and/or packaging materials intended to be used as primary or secondary packaging in food, cosmetics, household, and personal care products. The requirements involve governance and commitment of senior management, the product safety and quality management system, resource management, operational processes, processes regarding measurements, analysis and improvement as well as product defence.

Key features of version 2

- The risk-based approach identifies company-specific risks and hazards
- The non-prescriptive approach allows for custom solutions to meet standard requirements
- Developed by the industry for the packaging industry
- Accepted by retailers and brand owners worldwide
- Covers legislation, product safety and quality, and customer specifications
- Assessments by specifically trained auditors with proven knowledge and expertise of the relevant product scope
- Options for unannounced assessments
- Product and process certification based on ISO/IEC 17065:2012

What is new in version 2?

- Applicable to a wider range of packaging
- Increased focus on the on-site evaluation, less on documentation
- Reduced number of requirements by 14 percent
- Improved structure, tailored to the IFS stakeholders' needs
- Checklist aligned with latest GFSI Benchmarking Requirements Version 2020.1
- Improved and better-defined scoring system
- The assessment report is more clearly structured and user-friendly
- Product Safety Culture has been incorporated into the assessment checklist
- At least every third certification assessment is unannounced

Benefits of IFS PACsecure certification

- > IFS Certification grows sales: Certified companies retain existing customers and gain new ones with IFS. They show that they meet customer's expectations regarding product safety and quality and that they are a trustworthy business partner.
- > The requirements reduce operating costs and increase efficiency: By implementing the IFS requirements, companies improve their processes reducing waste and costs related to recalls, complaints, or rejected products and rework.
- > The system drives continuous improvement: The IFS Scoring System indicates how an assessed business can further improve its performance helping to reach the next level in product safety and quality assurance management.
- > The IFS risk-based approach enables individual risk assessments and creates a focus on the areas of importance to the unique processes of each company.
- > The non-prescriptive approach allows custom-made solutions: It enables companies to determine methods for controlling hazards that are best suited to their unique conditions.

IFS SUPPORT TO CERTIFIED BUSINESSES



IFS Guidelines help with practical information about specific technical topics.



IFS Training Courses provide skills and knowledge for implementing our requirements. They are available at our official regional training centres.



The IFS Database provides news from IFS and visibility to potential new customers.



The free IFS Software auditXpressX supports the internal audits of certified companies.



Recognised IFS Consultants are experts giving advice and guidance regarding the implementation of the IFS Requirements or specific topics

About IFS

With the professional expertise of retailers, manufacturers, certification bodies and other experts worldwide, IFS develops globally recognised product quality and safety standards and development programs. To complement this, IFS offers supportive tools and guidance documents to help quality managers work more efficiently. The common goal of IFS is to strive for the best product safety and quality management system so that consumers can trust the products they buy.

Get IFS PACsecure certified – Start today!

For more information, standard documents, guidelines, and other relevant documents, please visit our website: [ifs-packaging.com](https://www.ifs-packaging.com)



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