



# IFS PACsecure Version 2 and IFS Global Markets PACsecure

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” The quality and safety of packaging materials play an increasingly important role in supply chains of food and consumer products. IFS PACsecure is the packaging standard that was developed by the industry for the industry. Accordingly, it has a unique market and practical oriented approach. With the new IFS PACsecure version 2 and the IFS Global Markets PACsecure, we offer up-to-date and robust assessments that contribute to safer products and more trust in the supply chain.



Stephan Tromp  
IFS Managing Director

We proudly introduce version 2 of our packaging standard IFS PACsecure together with the brand-new IFS Global Markets PACsecure program. With IFS PACsecure version 2, IFS upgrades its high-level packaging certification, whereas IFS Global Markets PACsecure provides packaging suppliers an easy entry into establishing effective product safety and quality processes.

The participation of international experts representing the various links along the packaging supply chain guarantees that the new standard and program meet the requirements of the market. Also, the IFS Board, IFS Technical Committee and IFS Working Groups as well as PAC Packaging Consortium gave valuable contributions to these excellent new IFS Products.

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## What you must know about IFS PACsecure version 2

### IFS PACsecure version 2 – takes packaging certification to the next level

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 or conversion of packaging components and packaging materials, intended to be used as primary or secondary packaging in food, cosmetics, household and personal care products.



### What is new in IFS PACsecure version?

Version 2 follows version 1.1 that we published in 2017. Important new features of IFS PACsecure version 2 are:

- Increased focus on the on-site assessment, less on documentation, reduced number of requirements (-14%)
- New wording: the audit becomes an assessment, to underline the product and process approach of IFS according to ISO/IEC 17065
- Improved structure of the certification protocol tailored to the IFS stakeholders' needs
- Improvements in the scope of the IFS PACsecure Assessment and product scopes
- New rules regarding the assessment duration
- Better defined scoring system (equal to IFS Food version 7)
- The guidance for industry and auditors is included in the standard document
- Sustainability is included in the policy requirements
- Product Safety Culture has been included in the requirements
- A new approach for the hazard analysis and risk assessment system, and strengthening of control of processes
- Clearly structured assessment report with standardised sections
- At least every third IFS Certification assessment will be unannounced
- The new definitions of outsourcing clarify different management modalities
- The free IFS Software auditXpressX supports the internal audits of certified companies

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## Benchmarking

GFSI recognition according to the GFSI Benchmarking Requirements Version 2020.1 is planned.

## Timelines

Assessments to IFS PACsecure version 2 are possible from **3 January 2022**. This version becomes mandatory from **3 May 2022**.

If the time window for unannounced IFS PACsecure Assessments starts on or after the 3 of May 2022, then the auditor will perform the assessment to version 2.

In general, the applicability of Version 1.1 ends on 2 May 2022. In the IFS PACsecure version 2 doctrine, we explain the exceptional situations in which the application of IFS PACsecure version 1.1 is possible after this date.

## IFS PACsecure version 2 doctrine

Today, we have also published the IFS PACsecure version 2 doctrine. As a normative document, the doctrine is an integral part of the standard version. The rules apply at the moment the new version is applicable. The relevant IFS Department will follow up on the implementation of the clarifications and rules of the doctrines.

As a certification body, you shall ensure that relevant certification body staff is trained regarding the changes before the rules come into force. You also must have a proof of this training available on request.

Among others, we have added these topics in the doctrine:

### Clarifications about:

- > Which IFS PACsecure standard version shall be applied in specific situations
- > Unannounced assessment registration and clarification about when to provide the assessment dates in the IFS Database

- > Expectations regarding requirements for which an annual review is requested

### New content related to:

- > The option to perform part of the assessment remotely (IFS Split Assessment)
- > Rules to increase or decrease the IFS PACsecure Assessment duration
- > Form for extraordinary information to be filled out by the certification bodies
- > Initial assessments and first assessments according to a new version
- > The maintenance of auditor approval in specific situations

## New scoring system

In IFS PACsecure version 2 we have adopted the scoring system of IFS Food version 7. It contains a new definition of the B scoring, and we have introduced corrections. Our new brochure "The IFS Scoring System – Driving continuous improvement" explains it in detail. It is available in English, French, German, Italian and Spanish on our website.



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## What you must know about IFS Global Markets PACsecure

### IFS Global Markets PACsecure – An easy entry into effective product safety and quality processes

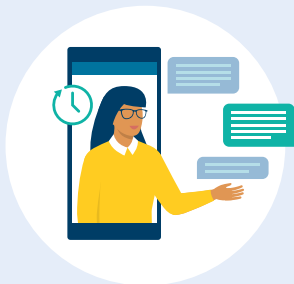
After IFS Global Markets Food, -Logistics and -HPC, IFS introduces its fourth development program. IFS Global Markets PACsecure helps packaging suppliers gradually build risk-based and optimised product safety and quality management systems and capacity building. It leads them on a path towards IFS PACsecure certification on which they can set the pace and milestones together with their customers. With IFS Global Markets

PACSecure, companies can develop processes that enable them to meet both legal and customer requirements step by step. At the same time, they will learn to work more efficiently and economically and lay the foundation for further growth and scalability.

### Timeline

Assessments to this program are possible as of today. You can contact your CB, an IFS Representative or IFS Standard Management. See the IFS Contact details at the end of this newsletter

## IFS Support for both schemes



### IFS Video Tutorials

In a 20-minute video tutorial we will explain the main changes in IFS PACsecure version 2 and how you can prepare for the assessment. Also, we will introduce the brand-new IFS Global Markets PACsecure program in a tutorial.

In our IFS PACsecure Newsletter and posts on our websites and LinkedIn, we will announce when these tutorials become available.



### Industry Training

Our official training material will be available through the regional IFS Training in the fourth quarter of 2021. Based on that material, they will offer industry courses. Please visit [our website >](#) to find an official IFS Training Centre near you.



### IFS Software

The IFS Software AuditXpressX supports internal audits. It will apply to Global Markets PACsecure from 15 July 2021 and to IFS PACsecure version 2 from 3 January 2022.



### IFS Fact Sheets

IFS Fact Sheets provide the most relevant information about the standard and development program. You can download them from our website [ifs-packaging.com >](https://www.ifs-packaging.com)

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## The IFS Good Assessment Practices Guideline

This guideline is intended for auditors, but certified sites can use it to learn more about the assessment and typical auditor questions.

The IFS Product Fraud Mitigation Guideline – A practical guideline that has been designed to help you understand the concept of risk management in relation to product fraud threats and how vulnerability assessments are an integral part of the risk management process.

## Recognised IFS Consultants

Recognised IFS Consultants are experts giving advice and guidance regarding the implementation of the IFS Requirements or specific topics. Contact an expert near you:

[www.ifs-certification.com/index.php/en/partners/consultants](http://www.ifs-certification.com/index.php/en/partners/consultants)

## Contact

We hope we have provided you with sufficient information. In case of requests related to standard or global markets program content, please feel free to contact your regional IFS representative:

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## IFS Websites

You can download all relevant normative, informative and guidance documents from our websites:

IFS Homepage:

[www.ifs-certification.com/index.php/en/standards](http://www.ifs-certification.com/index.php/en/standards)

IFS PACsecure Homepage:

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