



THE LEADING GLOBAL FOOD SAFETY INITIATIVE (GFSI) PACKAGING STANDARD

BRCGS STANDARDS

BRCGS Global Standards is a world leading brand and consumer protection organisation, used by well over 25,000 certificated suppliers over 130 countries.

BRCGS Global Standards guarantee the standardisation of quality, safety and operational criteria and ensure that manufacturers fulfil legal obligations and provide protection for the end consumer.

BRCGS Global Standards are now often a fundamental requirement of leading retailers, manufacturers and food service organisations.

Why choose Global QA Consultants?

- **BRCGS Approved Consultants**
- **Successful track record in all BRCGS**
- **Fixed consultancy fee**
- **Guarantee of Success at fee quoted**
- **Worldwide service**

BRCGS Packaging Standard is designed to assist packaging manufacturers and converters to adopt good manufacturing practices and supporting quality management systems to develop and manufacture safe, legal packaging materials meeting their customer's quality requirements. The standard is applicable to manufacturers producing packaging materials for food and consumer products.

The Standard recognises 2 levels of hygiene risk depending on the end use of the packaging materials for instance direct food contact is the highest level and will fall into the high hygiene risk category, while non-food packaging will fall into the low hygiene risk category.

The BRCGS Global Standard is divided into eight manufacturing technologies:

- **Glass manufacture and forming**
- **Metal forming**
- **Rigid plastics forming**
- **Print processes**
- **Paper making and conversion**
- **Chemical processes**
- **Flexible plastics manufacture**
- **Other manufacturing**

ESSENTIALLY THE STANDARD IS DIVIDED INTO 6 SECTIONS:

1. SENIOR MANAGEMENT COMMITMENT

Awareness of the requirements and committed to the implementation.

2. HAZARD AND RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Principles from Codex Alimentarius system and also encompasses HACCP.

3. PRODUCT SAFETY AND QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Principles of ISO 9000. Product specifications, supplier monitoring, traceability, management of incidents and product recalls.

4. SITE STANDARDS

Layout, maintenance of the buildings and equipment, cleaning, pest control, waste management. Foreign body and chemical controls.

5. PRODUCT AND PROCESS CONTROL

Quality assurance, process control and product inspection and testing.

6. PERSONNEL

Staff training, protective clothing and personal hygiene.



Our Consultancy Service

The prospect of implementing and achieving certification to a standard that you have little knowledge of and may have never even read can be daunting. The man hours spent interpreting a standard and attempting to create a compliant system can soon add up and may not result in great success.

Global QA consultants are fully trained to interpret the standards for you - whilst our philosophy is to:

KEEP IT SIMPLE - Whilst adding value

Certification to BRCGS assures your professionalism. It improves your business processes, helps you monitor and control service and quality standards and demonstrates your 'best practice' acumen to clients and industry bodies.

Our Guarantee:

We work to a fixed consultancy fee with a

100%
Guarantee of success.

So What's involved?

Global QA Consultants will take you through the potentially challenging and involved operation of achieving your required BRCGS Certification. You will be guided through the entire process by an experienced consultant who will ensure that you are successful in achieving BRCGS Certification.



Initial meeting with you to understand your organisation and its needs:

We like to meet at your site – no obligation or cost involved. We need to find out what you do, establish the scope of the certification which will then enable us to provide you with a quotation for our services.

Consultant Assigned

A dedicated consultant is assigned to your project. They will: interact with directors, management and personnel. Convert your shared knowledge into a working quality management system.

Provide in-house training on all elements of the system. Make regular visits on-site to advise on structured implementation and how to generate evidence that you are working to the system. Assess the compliance of your existing processes and procedures against the Standard advising accordingly on any changes or additions that need to be made. These are tried and tested, simple and effective management controls avoiding unnecessary systems and paperwork.



QMS Documentation



Your consultant will work to improve your business and eliminate unnecessary paperwork. They will assist in producing essential documented information in order to provide evidence that you are working to the system for continual improvement, training and assessment purposes.

Your Global QA Consultant will also create your own documented Quality Management System (QMS) specifically for your business.

Assistance in Application for Certification Body (CB) Assessment.

We will advise you of the various BRCGS approved certification bodies competent to audit your system, obtain a quotation from the CB of your choice and arrange dates for assessment. Its just like learning to drive - we will teach you but you need to have an independent test (audit) to ensure you understand what you are doing and you are doing what you say you are doing! The assessment process can be daunting to those experiencing it for the first time.



Your consultant will attend during the audit and help you to point your assessor in the direction of the evidence they are seeking.



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