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THE NEW BRC GLOBAL STANDARD FOR FOOD SAFETY ISSUE 8

BRC Global Standards has published the eighth issue of its internationally recognised Global Standard Food Safety. The Standard has been updated to reflect the latest thinking in food safety and provides a framework for food manufactures to assist them in the production of safe food. The development of Issue 8 followed a wide consultation to understand international stakeholders' requirements and a review of emerging issues in the food industry. The Standard is available in many languages to facilitate implementation by food businesses around the world.

The focus of attention for Issue 8 has been on:

- encouraging development of product safety culture
- expanding the requirements for environmental monitoring to reflect the increasing importance of this technique
- encouraging sites to further develop systems for security and food defence
- adding clarity to the requirements for high-risk, high-care and ambient high-care production risk zones
- establish a new approach to the audit process and audit reporting with greater focus on factory operations and management commitment
- ensuring global applicability and benchmarking to the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI)

The requirements of Issue 8 represent an evolution from previous issues with a continued emphasis on management commitment, a food safety programme based on hazard analysis and critical control points (HACCP), and a supporting quality management system.

Setting the standards internationally for best practices in food safety, certification to the BRC Global Standard Food Safety Issue 8 allows suppliers worldwide to show customers that they are upholding the highest standards of safety, quality, and legal compliance. Audits against Issue 8 are set to begin in February 2019.

Copies of the BRC Global Standard for Food Safety Issue 8 can be purchased via www.brcbookshop.com

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The BRC Global Standards certification scheme offers comprehensive support to help new and established businesses to achieve and maintain their quality and safety aims.

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