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BRCGS089: Position Statement Clarifying BRCGS Unannounced Audits

Change log

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1	26/10/2020	Position Statement Clarifying BRCGS Unannounced Audits This Position Statement supersedes section 3.9 of BRCGS078 (Position Statement Amending the Audit Protocol).



In the current climate, with the constraints of Covid-19, unannounced audits may place undue burden on sites busy operating whilst maintaining supply chain continuity and increase the challenge to certification bodies and auditors arranging audits.

Therefore, the temporary suspension of the unannounced audit programme has been extended until at least April 2021. Certification bodies should contact sites to arrange an announced or blended announced audit.

Protocols for announced audits shall then apply including grading outcomes.

This temporary suspension will be kept under review by BRCGS in conjunction with stakeholders so that unannounced audits can restart at the earliest practical opportunity. A minimum of 3 months' notice will be given prior to any change in this policy.

Where sites are determined to remain within the unannounced programme, then unannounced audits may be carried out by exception (e.g. at customer requirement or as part of a combined audit with another standard).