



Press Release

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BRC PUBLISHES NEW GLOBAL STANDARD FOR RETAIL

BRC Global Standards has published BRC Global Standard for Retail on 1 September 2016, and audits against Issue 1 will be available immediately after the publication, in whole or as trial assessments.

Introduced in 2016, the BRC Global Standard for Retail provides essential certification for organizations that retail food products, as well as other products. The Standard covers the activity of retailing, as well as commissary, sourcing, and in store production. Retailers are the last step in the food supply chain prior to the consumer, and play a critical role in managing the supply chain, as well as the delivery of goods and services to the consumer. This Standard is, therefore, designed to promote best practice on product safety, quality and the operational criteria required to fulfil obligations with regard to legal compliance and consumer protection.

Why choose the BRC Global Standard for Retail?

- globally recognized and GFSI modelled (benchmarking scheduled)
- increases organizational calibration, oversight, confidence and results
- clearly defined risk-based requirements
- comprehensive support package to get started
- resulting product safety improvements reduce compliance costs, and improve organizational performance

- Utilization of the BRC Global Standards Directory to provide operational oversight, and identification of high performance centers, and high risk operations
- a global network of trained and approved certification bodies, auditors, and training providers

The scope of the Standard

The BRC Global Standard for Retail sets out the requirements for companies in the food retail supply chain that provide services for the sourcing, purchase, importation, distribution, preparation, and retailing of products. The companies may also own their own processing, storage, or distribution facilities but these facilities are certificated to relevant production or storage and distribution Standards. The scope of certification shall cover all applicable operations at the head office and retail stores certificated.

John Kukoly BRC Global Standards Scheme Manager, said: “This Standard is truly the first of its kind, being developed with the support and input from a number of retailers and their trade organizations. This Standard was specifically designed not only to provide a certification aligned with GFSI benchmarking, but to enhance consumer experience, and provide the retail entity with measureable benefits. I am very proud of the work the development team put into this Standard, and look forward to seeing the impact it can have in the industry”.

The BRC Global Standard for Retail Issue 1 will be available on BRC Participate. BRC Participate offers immediate access to all documents relevant to a particular Standard, linking them clause by clause. Printed copies and PDF downloads are also available for purchase from the BRC Bookshop.

Notes to Editors:

About BRC Global Standards

BRC Global Standards are the world’s biggest provider of safety and quality standards programmes for food manufacture, packaging, storage, and distribution. BRC Global Standards are generated with the help of technical specialists, retailers, manufacturers and certification bodies from around the world, so everything is based on practicality, rigour and clarity.

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