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## **BRC GLOBAL STANDARD FOOD SAFETY ISSUE 7 FIRST TO ACHIEVE GFSI BENCHMARKING**

BRC Global Standards are pleased to announce that the BRC Global Standard for Food Safety Issue 7 has been successfully benchmarked against the new GFSI Guidance Document V 7.1. The BRC Global Standard is the first Standard to be benchmarked against the new set of GFSI Requirements and reinforces BRC Global Standards position as the leading global Food Safety Standard.

The benchmarking of the Food Standard compliments our suite of BRC Global Standards that have achieved GFSI benchmarking, Packaging, Agents and Brokers and Storage and Distribution. The Agents and Brokers Standard is the only Standard benchmarked against the GFSI Guidance Document. Agents, Brokers or non-manufacturing service providers who facilitate the sale and legal trade of products can now feel confident that certification to the Standard meets the stringent requirements of GFSI.

Originally developed and published in 1998, the Standard has been updated at regular intervals since to reflect the latest thinking in food safety, and has now attained usage worldwide. The Standard provides a framework for food manufacturers to assist them in the production of safe food and to manage product quality to meet customers' requirements. Certification against the Standard is recognised by many retailers, food service companies and manufacturers around the world when assessing the capabilities of their suppliers.

The Standard has been developed to specify the food safety, quality and operational criteria required to be in place within a food manufacturing organisation to fulfil obligations with regard to legal compliance and protection of the consumer. The format and content of the Standard is designed to allow an assessment of a company's premises, operational systems and procedures by a competent third party – the certification body – against the requirements of the Standard.

The Standard currently has over 20,400 certificated sites in over 130 countries and has enjoyed a continuous growth since being introduced in 1998.

“We are delighted that the BRC Global Standard for Food Safety Issue 7 is the first Standard to be benchmarked by GFSI against their new Guidance Document V 7.1. We know this will bring increased recognition for all BRC certificated sites. The Standard is widely used by manufactures around the world where its value in ensuring the management of product quality and safety through the supply chain is well established, and recognition should provide a further boost to the rapid growth in uptake we are seeing in all regions.”

**David Brackston, Technical Director, BRC Global Standards**

## **Notes to Editors**

### **About BRC Global Standards**

BRC Global Standards is a leading brand and consumer protection organisation, used by over 27,000 suppliers in over 130 countries, with certification issued through a global network of accredited certification bodies. BRC Global Standards' guarantee the standardisation of quality, safety and operational criteria and ensure that manufacturers fulfil their legal obligations and provide protection for the end consumer. BRC Global Standards are now often a fundamental requirement of leading retailers, manufacturers and food service organisations.

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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