BRCGS (EMEA and adjacent regions) AWARDS

The BRCGS (EMEA and adjacent regions) Awards will recognise the outstanding commitment, support and performance of individuals and organisations who contribute to the development of the BRCGS Standards scheme and the wider food safety industry in the EMEA and adjacent regions markets.

AWARD CATEGORIES

- BRCGS Approved Training Partner of the Year Award
- BRCGS Consultant of the Year Award
- BRCGS Auditor of the Year - Individual Award
- BRCGS Certification Body of the Year Award
- BRCGS Certificated Site of the Year Award *This category is applicable to sites certificated against any of our Global Standards.
- BRCGS Professional of the Year

SCHEDULE

Nominations accepted up to and including 6th January 2027. Finalists will be notified week commencing 18th January 2027. We may contact those shortlisted for a video call to discuss the submission and evidence.

PRIZES

- Finalists from each category will be honored during the BRCGS Connect Europe – Barcelona 2027 conference.
- For each award, there will be one winner who will receive an award.
- The award winners will then receive 1 x complimentary registration for the subsequent year's conference.
- The award winners will be also recognised via marketing by BRCGS.
- Free eLearning (courses to be determined by BRCGS)

ENTRY SUBMISSION

- All nominations must be submitted by email in the requested format no later than 11:59 PM (GMT), 6th January, 2027. Submissions should be sent to BRCGS.events@lgcgroup.com
- All nominations must include the required evidence as outlined later in this document under the nomination criteria section.
- Incomplete submissions or those that do not follow the submission rules will not be considered.

SCORING CRITERIA

Entries will be scored on overall content and the nominee's demonstrated achievements in:

- Contributing significantly to achieving the BRCGS Mission.
- Communicating the goals, mission and benefits of the BRCGS Standards scheme to both internal and external stakeholders.
- Proving his/her/their understanding and commitment to the BRCGS Standards scheme.
- Demonstrating an ongoing personal commitment to improving the awareness of food/product safety within the Americas regions market.

RULES, ELIGIBILITY AND JUDGING PROCESS

- All nominators and nominees must be affiliated with the BRCGS Standards scheme. Examples of affiliations include, but are not limited to, registered

auditors, consultants, approved training partners, licensed certification bodies and certificated suppliers.
- The entry form must accompany your nomination and all sections must be filled out legibly. Only fully complete, legible entries will be considered.
- Narratives must be 1,000 words or less.
- Nominators must obtain permission from the nominee prior to submitting a nomination.
- Self-nominations will be accepted.
- Specific evidence and supporting documentation must be included for all comments and accolades given by the nominator on behalf of the nominee. Examples of supporting documents include published articles, industry awards, news articles and third-party testimonials. These materials will not be returned to you. Videos will be accepted.
- Entries will be scored and judged by a panel. The panel's decision is final, and no appeals will be considered.
- Finalists will be notified week commencing 18th January, 2027.
- BRCGS may request a video call to discuss the nomination and evidence provided.
- By submitting an entry to the awards, the nominee agrees to BRCGS and/or the judging panel investigating their reputation within the industry. This may be in the form of requesting references.
- All finalists must have representations available to attend the awards ceremony during BRCGS Connect Europe – Barcelona 2027.

AWARD CATEGORIES AND NOMINATION CRITERIA

BRCGS Certification Body of the Year (EMEA and adjacent regions)

Nominees must be a BRCGS approved certification body, valued by stakeholders, showing ongoing and dedicated support for the Global Standards programmes. The Certification Body shall be able to demonstrate that they help stakeholders to implement and achieve BRCGS certification. The winner will have a 5-star KPIs rating

Examples could include:
- Demonstrable growth of audited sites including additional module programmes such as the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) and Food Safety Culture Excellence, Global Gap, Meat Supply Chain, TMS including Non GFSI programmes.
- Demonstrable growth of auditor numbers or support in developing competence and consistency within the auditor pool.
- Demonstrable marketing activities.
- Publications or white papers promoting BRCGS Standards including programmes such as modules.
- Events held to promote the BRCGS Standards, promote best practice and ensure product safety.
- Commitment to the development of BRCGS Standards, assisting with the development of material and/or giving continuous feedback.
- Work carried out with GFSI or others to assist the growth of the BRCGS Standards scheme.

BRCGS Auditor of the Year – Individual (EMEA and adjacent regions)
Nominees, as BRCGS registered auditors, have shown ongoing and dedicated support for the BRCGS Standards programme and their stakeholders.

Examples could include:
- High-scoring results from customer satisfaction surveys.
- Positive feedback from witness audits and calibration sessions.
- Examples of how the nominee works within as well as outside the organization to drive food safety and quality.
- Demonstration of a significant number of audits performed against the BRCGS Standards scheme.
- Maximum two letters of reference with one reference from a certification body. All references shall include the contact's name, address and phone number for verification purposes.
- Publications that resulted in promoting BRCGS Standards.
- Commitment to self-improvement giving examples of undertaking independent training, attendance at conferences.
- Work carried out with GFSI or others to assist the growth of the BRCGS Standards scheme.
- Actively participate in feedback to BRCGS in developing the certification scheme.

BRCGS Approved Training Partner of the Year (EMEA and adjacent regions)
Nominees must show ongoing and dedicated support for the BRCGS programme and implementing excellent quality BRCGS training or helping stakeholders to implement and achieve BRCGS certification.

Examples could include:
- Commitment to the development of BRCGS training courses, assisting with the development of material, and/or giving continuous feedback.
- Delivering excellent classroom training which has improved delegates' understanding of the subject and enabled them to progress in their roles (please supply delegate feedback) or evidence of improvement and implementation of the standard (please supply customer feedback evidence)
- Actively Demonstrating their ambassador role as an Approved training partner - (e.g. Active Marketing and promotion of BRCGS courses/certification; assisting companies with implementation of the scheme, support of the BRCGS Professional Programme, supporting the correct use of our IP)

BRCGS Consultant of the Year Award (EMEA and adjacent regions)
Nominees must show ongoing and dedicated support for the BRCGS programme and implementing excellent quality consulting or helping stakeholders to implement and achieve BRCGS certification.

Examples could include:
- Collaborating with BRCGS continuous improvement of the consultant scheme by providing feedback and utilising resources provided such as participate.
- Successfully supporting Sites on the implementation of Standards providing customer feedback or evidence of improvement and implementation of the standard.
- Actively Demonstrating their ambassador role as a BRCGS Consultant - (e.g. Active Marketing and promotion of BRCGS Certification; Assisting companies with implementation of the scheme, Support of the BRCGS Professional

Programme and value of BRCGS Training, supporting the correct use of our IP)

BRCGS Certificated Site of the Year (serving EMEA and adjacent regions)

Awarded to a BRCGS certificated site* that has demonstrated excellence in developing and maintaining their BRCGS programme, promoted BRCGS certification, and used BRCGS certification to enhance or grow their operations.

Examples could include:

- Examples of how the nominee works to promote a product safety culture within the organisation, as well as externally, with either supply chain or customers.
- Letters of reference from business partners, either suppliers or customers, with contact details for verification.

*This category is applicable to sites certificated against any of the BRCGS Standards.

BRCGS Professional on the Year (serving EMEA and adjacent regions)

Awarded to a BRCGS Professional member who can demonstrate how they've applied the training embedded in the scheme to benefit themselves, their company and their colleagues. All evidence must be from 2026/27.

Examples could include:

- Evidence of knowledge sharing amongst colleagues and its associated benefits
- Demonstrating your industry knowledge gained through the BRCGS Professional scheme to promote best practice in product safety management (for example, presenting at relevant industry events, working groups, publications etc)
- Evidence of new food / product safety initiatives led at the site
- Evidence of significantly reducing the identified risks to their product integrity or operation
- Improved audit grade or evidence that the internal audit process has been improved.