



## BRC Certification Global Standard for Food Safety

**Consumer safety and protection have never had a higher profile. The need to ensure that, at all points in the supply chain, those involved in food production are working to rigorous standards has become a prerequisite to trade in this sector.**

BRC (British Retail Consortium) has developed a set of global standards as part of an international product safety and quality certification programme. BRC is a leading trade body and is globally recognised. Retailers and manufacturers around the world use BRC standards as their chosen approved standards for suppliers.

The BRC food safety standard has been adopted globally by food manufacturers. Achieving certification to this standard demonstrates your compliance with HACCP, good manufacturing practices (GMP), hygiene, food safety and quality systems. It helps retailers, manufacturers and major brands safeguard consumers and fulfil their legal obligations.

The BRC standard is recognised by the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) and is particularly applicable to companies supplying food products to the global market regardless of the country of origin of the product. GFSI is a benchmarking and approval scheme that lays the foundations for the world food industry in terms of food safety management systems and product certification.

The standard requires the implementation of a number of systems, including:

- a HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points) food safety plan
- a quality, safety and legality management system that details the policies needed to provide a framework for complying with the standard

- systems for controlling factory environmental standards, operating conditions, manufacturing and hygiene practices.

### What are the benefits?

Certification to this standard brings significant benefits. It:

- meets the need to preserve the integrity and reputation of branded products
- improves food safety management systems
- is globally recognised by major retailers and food manufacturers
- increases confidence in your products
- improves supplier standards and consistency
- ensures continuous improvement in your systems through regular monitoring
- demonstrates your commitment to consumer safety.

# How to achieve certification

## 01 Application and review

Complete the BM TRADA request for quote form. This allows us to accurately define your scope of certification and to provide you with a quotation and a competent audit team.

## 02 On site audit

- review of internal documentation
- evaluation of the location and site specific conditions
- review of the status and understanding of the requirements of the standard
- evaluation of whether HACCP, safety, quality, hygiene and other plans and processes are in place and their effectiveness
- a full audit of the processes and activities defined in the scope
- provide a written report on the audit findings and non conformances that need to be addressed
- ensure all NCRs are addressed and approved and all required timescales are met.

## 03 Certification

Depending on the level and number of the non-conformities raised, the site will be granted BRC certification for either 6 months (Grade C achieved) or 12 months (Grade A or B achieved). You will be issued with a certificate and audit report to demonstrate and promote your BRC certification. A full announced re-audit will be required after 6/12 months depending on the certification grade achieved. Unannounced audit can be conducted for a site that has achieved a grade A or B. Site granted certification under the unannounced programme will be graded either A+ or B+ and will have their re-audit after 12 months.

### Additional services include:

- BRC global standard packaging and packaging materials
- Food safety – ISO 22000 & HACCP
- UTZ certified cocoa and coffee
- Supply chain – palm oil & soy
- Quality – ISO 9001
- Environmental – ISO 14001
- Energy – ISO 50001
- Health & safety – OHSAS 18001
- Integrated – ISO 9001, ISO 14001 & OHSAS 18001
- Information security – ISO 27001
- Chain of custody schemes
- BM TRADA Q-Mark

### Related training services:

- Audit techniques & report writing (1-day)
- Third party auditor (4 days)
- Understanding requirements issue 6 (2 day)
- Internal auditor course (2 day)

## Why BM TRADA?

Choosing BM TRADA, a British based company with a global presence, means you are working with a major international certification body with a wide scope of UKAS accredited certification schemes and an impressive record in management systems, factory production control and supply chain certification.

Our industry expertise and the standard of our services have helped us deliver certification to businesses in 70 countries around the world.

We pride ourselves on being approachable and responsive, and on offering clear, transparent pricing with no hidden costs.

Making us your certification partner means you are joining the increasing number of organisations around the world choosing BM TRADA for their certification. You won't see a different face every time. You will have a designated auditor who understands your business.



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