



BRC Certification

Global Standard for Packaging and Packaging Materials

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 packaging production are working to rigorous standards has become a prerequisite to trade in this sector.

In consultation with the food industry and the Institute of Packaging (IoP), the British Retail Consortium (BRC) developed a packaging and packaging materials standard. This standard is designed to protect consumers by providing a common basis for certification of companies supplying packaging and packaging materials.

BRC's Global Standard for Packaging and Packaging Materials sets out hygiene, safety and quality requirements for packaging manufacturers supplying the food and consumer products industries. It also helps retailers and food manufacturers meet their legal obligations.

A key aim of the standard is to help protect consumers by providing a common basis, recognised and benchmarked by the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI). It is globally accepted and has been adopted by major retailers, manufacturers and packaging businesses.

What are the benefits?

Certification to this standard brings significant benefits to companies involved in manufacturing food and consumer product packaging. It:

- demonstrates your commitment to producing a safe, legal and functional product

- increases access to markets by meeting customer requirements
- ensures continuous improvement of quality, hygiene and product safety standards and processes
- promotes best practice
- meets legal and contractual requirements
- improves hazard and risk management
- is globally recognised by major retailers and food manufacturers
- is benchmarked and recognised by GFSI.

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

Under the announced audit programme

- 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 certification marks to demonstrate and promote your certification. A full announced re-audit will be required after 6/12 months depending on the certification grade achieved.

Additional services include:

- BRC global standard for food safety
- 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
- BM TRADA Q-Mark

Related training services:

- Foundation Level HACCP Course: Food Safety Plan

Call us for a quote or to discuss your certification needs

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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