

TÜV NORD CERT – Certification for suppliers of food retailers according to IFS



Suppliers and the goods they supply must be reliable – particularly when it comes to food. This is why food retailers demand unified quality standards from producers, brokers and logistics companies.

This is the stated goal of International Featured Standards (IFS): the IFS guidelines, defined by representatives of European food retailers, stand for food safety, conformity and consistent quality. TÜV NORD CERT certifies suppliers from the food industry – now including brokers and sales agencies – according to IFS.

Target groups for certification

TÜV NORD CERT offers certification according to three IFS standards:

- IFS Food for food manufacturers – in particular private label manufacturers, but also original brand manufacturers, suppliers etc.

- IFS Logistics for companies offering transport or storage services (including of non-food articles)
- IFS Broker for agencies, traders, brokers and importers (including of non-food articles)

Benefits of certification

Many food retailers and manufacturers only accept suppliers with IFS certification. In addition to acting as a ticket for entry to attractive markets, certified organisations benefit from image enhancement, reduced risks and warranty claims, and also know that they are making an active contribution to food safety. As many auditors are qualified in several fields, TÜV NORD CERT, as a highly-respected and experienced certification company, can also offer effective and low-cost combined audits.



Prerequisites for certification

IFS is based on quality management standard ISO 9001. In addition, the standard includes the requirements of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) for quality assurance of the production processes and of Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP), in order to analyse possible risks to the safety of food and counteract them effectively. In order to achieve certification, organisations must implement the relevant requirements in practice and also fulfil customer-specific quality requirements.

Our know-how for your success

TÜV NORD CERT is a well-established and reliable partner for inspection and certification services. Our experts and auditors have extensive knowledge based on experience and are generally permanently employed by TÜV NORD. This guarantees independence and neutrality, and also means we can offer continuity in supporting our clients. The benefit to you is clear: our auditors accompany and support the development of your company and provide you with objective feedback.

As a service provider for the food sector, we support you with currently important certifications in the food, animal feed and consumer goods industries. Our expert auditors have specialist training combined with practical experience and are approved as assessors for the IFS standard.

The route to the certificate



Are you interested?

Please send us your response by fax.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Yes, I am interested in certification for food retail suppliers according to IFS. Please contact me.

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