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To the quality supervisor
Dear Madam, dear Sir,

At the start of this New Year we wish you a happy, healthy and food-safe 2015!

Everything keeps changing, and our branch is no exception. In this first newsletter for 2015 we wish to inform you, as in previous years, about new standards, new versions, trends in the food safety sector and novelties in our organisation. The key items in this newsletter include:

- New Standard: BRC/IoP Global Standard for Packaging and Packaging Materials
- New version: BRC version 7

New Standard: BRC/IoP Global Standard for Packaging and Packaging Materials

This standard applies for companies manufacturing packaging and packaging materials in both the food and the non-food industry. However, TÜV NORD INTEGRA offers the standard only for companies manufacturing packaging for the food industry (food and feed). Certification of the standard is carried out under accreditation of TÜV NORD Cert.

New version

- BRC Food version 7

BRC version 7 is expected to be published in the course of this month. Ahead of this publication, TÜV NORD INTEGRA wishes to inform you that in the afternoon of **25 March 2015** at our premises in Antwerp Berchem we will offer an information session about the changes to the new BRC Food version that will enter into force on 1 July 2015. At your request we can forward the slides of the presentations.

A growing trend: unannounced audits

- IFS Unannounced Food Checks

Starting from last year in addition to the ordinary certification renewal audits you may opt to have an unannounced IFS Food Check carried out. Said Food Check takes no more than 1 audit day and is carried out based on a checklist containing 90 criteria taken from the IFS Food Standard. The Food check focuses on HACCP implementation, hygiene and pest control. The documentation part is quite limited. The IFS Food Check is planned, carried out and evaluated by IFS Management, hence independently from TÜV NORD INTEGRA! For this reason you must personally write to IFS to apply for an IFS Food Check, using the application form from the IFS website (see 'order form' in the right-hand toolbar of the site below).

These Food Checks can be carried out on the condition that you already have an IFS Food Certificate, or if you simultaneously apply for an IFS Food Audit at TÜV NORD INTEGRA and the IFS Food Checks at IFS itself.

The IFS Food Check can have either of two results: positive or negative (no A, B, C, D scores). Your certificate will contain the following sentence:

The company takes part in the IFS program 'unannounced IFS Food Check'.

www.ifs-certification.com/index.php/en/ifs-certified-companies-en/ifs-food-checks-en

- ASDA module (BRC Food)

Every supplier of the ASDA supermarket chain must have a specific unannounced audit carried out in addition to the unannounced BRC audit. These specific requirements are currently incorporated in the ASDA AA module, which as from February 2015 will be audited together with the unannounced BRC audit, option 1. You must inform TÜV NORD INTEGRA in writing (by email or application form) if you wish to have this module audited.

Miscellaneous

- BRC Storage & Distribution

As from July 2014 the audit is carried out annually, regardless of the acquired grade.

- Operation TÜV NORD INTEGRA

The schedule owners demand that we pay ample attention to audit preparation. In light thereof we are forced to ask for certain documents, including the quality handbook (concise version), HACCP plan and flow charts. Towards the planning of the audit our auditors will ask you to forward these documents, which obviously will be treated in the strictest confidence. Existing clients who have already supplied the aforementioned documents may be asked for any updates thereof.

How to get in touch with us?

- For audit quotes & planning: info@tuv-nord-integra.com
- To report recalls: recall@tuv-nord-integra.com