

NEW IFS Logistics version 2.2



“ Logistics play an important role throughout the supply chain, as they maintain a constant high level of product safety and quality. With the new adaptations, such as the unannounced audit option, and by incorporating food fraud prevention as a requirement, IFS Logistics further increases its support of product integrity along the entire supply chain. ”

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Dear IFS users,

We are happy to introduce you to the IFS Logistics Standard version 2.2, which is now available in English language. Other languages will follow soon. Please follow this link to download the Standard:

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General information

IFS Logistics is a Standard for auditing companies whose activities are logistics services for food and non-food products such as transport, storage, (un)loading, etc.

Logistics using this Standard benefit from many advantages of the IFS right from the start, such as:

- Visibility and facilitation of market access
- Better acceptance along the whole supply chain
- Continuous improvement due to the differentiated IFS scoring system
- Subcontractor management in the IFS Database
- Managing reports and compare your certified facilities in the IFS Database
- Multilingual implementation tools through guidelines, training, webinars
- Measurable improvement of processes and thus prevention and decreasing costs.

New Version

With this version, the IFS is going to apply for the GFSI re-benchmark procedure to guarantee that IFS Logistics remains being a GFSI benchmarked standard.

Most relevant changes from 2.1 to 2.2 are:

- Possibility to perform IFS Logistics audits unannounced
- New requirement in regard to food fraud
- Slight adaptations to existing requirements
- Inclusion of the Erratum
- Description of Integrity Program procedure, which has been adapted to the rules valid since 1st May 2017
- Mandatory inclusion of QR-code on the IFS certificate for being able to trace back their authenticity.

These changes were implemented by:

- Traceable modification of existing requirements and glossary definitions

- Traceable inclusion of one new requirement and related definitions in the glossary
- Inclusion of a new Standard Part 5 for unannounced audits
- Definition of new compulsory information for the audit report.
- Alignment of Part 4 in regard of the improved “My Audit” function.

What does it mean for the logistics branch?

The new version comes into force mandatory from 1st June 2018, but there is a transition period starting from 1st March 2018, where companies can decide if they want to be certified either against version 2.1 or already against the new version 2.2.

Registration for the unannounced option

Already certified companies which want to register for the unannounced option are able to do that, if their active certificate is valid until at least 15th August 2018. The registration is possible from 1st March 2018.

In order to be well prepared for the new version the IFS Academy will provide a free webinar about the main changes of the new version. To access the webinar on the 14th of December and the recordings (afterwards), you will need to register on our eLearning platform. Go to > <https://www.ifs-certification.com/index.php/en/academy/webinars-elearning> or watch our YouTube tutorial ><http://bit.ly/ifsacadregist>

Training information regarding Food Fraud and further relevant topics will be available on the IFS website soon.

What does the new version mean for Certification Bodies?

Please note that all existing auditors shall become familiar with the Standard's changes via the certification body to be allowed to continue with auditing. In February 2018 IFS will provide a Train the Trainer Refresh as the base for the CB in-house training. This training should be done either face to face training or via webinar.

An upload of the audit report into the IFS Database is possible through the IFS software auditXpressX. The updated software will be available from March 2018 so auditors will have the opportunity to get used to the new software version.

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