

# **IFS Logistics**

# The international standard for transport and storage

MOTIVATION AND BENEFITS

The demand for auditing for transporters and logisticians has increased in the last few years significantly. The publication of the IFS Logistics Standard in 2006 has helped to find a solution and thus to create specifications for transparency and secured quality throughout the supply chain.

IFS Logistics is suitable for foodstuffs as well as for nonfood products and includes all the logistics activities as far as they imply contact to products that have already been packed. If a food processing company has a logistics or transporting area of its own, this will be covered by the IFS Food Standard (chapter "Transport and storage"). If logistics and transporting activities are outsourced, IFS Logistics will be applicable.

#### Benefits:

- quality assurance along the whole supply chain while particularly considering storage and transport
- ensuring transparency and uninterrupted traceability
- creating a uniform assessment system by creating a uniform IFS Logistic Standard
- audits conducted by accredited certification bodies and qualified auditors
- closing the gap between production and trade

## TARGET GROUP

- any logistics provider working for both trade and food industry producing private labels of trade
- warehousing companies, merchants handling transfer orders with their own warehousing and transporting activities
- transporters in different temperature ranges (frozen, chilled, non-chilled)
- logistics for non-food products

## CRITERIA

#### Structure of IFS Logistics

The IFS Logistics requirements are divided into the following chapters:

- corporate responsibility
- quality and product safety management system
- resource management

- service provision
- measurement, analysis and improvements
- food / product protection plan and external controls

IFS Logistics can be applied to food as well as non-food products and includes requirements for all logistics activities such as storage, loading and unloading as well as all modes of transport.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

Objectives of the IFS Logistics Standard are the following:

- guarantee of product safety and transparency within the entire supply chain
- introduction of a common standard with a uniform assessment system
- cost and time reduction for suppliers and distributors
- objective evaluation by accredited certification bodies





#### OTHER RELEVANT STANDARDS

ISO 9001, Annex to CAC/RCP 1-1969 (Rev. 4 - 2003), Guideline EU 2016/C 278/01, ISO 22000, ISO/TS 22002-5 (Prerequisite Programmes on Food Safety - Transport and storage), FSSC 22000, BRCGS for Storage and Distribution

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