A. BRC Packaging

1. What is BRC Global Standard Packaging

On August 1st 2019 BRCGS launched Global Standard for Packaging Materials Issue 6.

The BRCGS Global Standard for Packaging Materials helps packaging organizations deliver products that help support the delivery of safe, hygienic food. The BRCGS Packaging Standard is the first packaging Standard in the world to be recognized by the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI).

It covers core manufacturing technologies including:

- Glass manufacture and forming
- Papermaking and conversion
- Metal forming
- Rigid plastics forming
- Flexible plastics manufacture
- Other manufacturing
- Print processes
- Chemical processes

With nearly 4,500 certified sites, <u>BRC</u> is the most used global standard designed for the packaging industry.

2. What Benefits will the standard bring to business.

The BRCGS Packaging Materials Global Standard helps a site or operation to demonstrate they are providing products that are quality assured, legally compliant, and authentic. BRCGS Packaging Materials certification can often be used as a competitive advantage for packaging suppliers when tendering for sales contracts in the food, beverage and FMCG industries.

3. Standard Applicable to

- Produce packaging materials for conversion or printing.
- Supply packaging materials from stock where additional product processing or repacking occurs.
- Manufacture and supply of other unconverted or semi-converted and used or incorporated.

4. Where can I down load the standard copy

You can visit www.brcgs.com and purchase a copy of the standard.

B Steps in obtaining the Certificate:

1. Standard Copy

(Procure/ Download a copy of the Standard from BRC website)

2. Gap Analysis

Conduct a gap analysis to identify areas where your organization needs to improve to meet the requirements of the standard with reference to existing documentation & records

3. Training

Train employees on the requirements of the standard and ensure that they understand their roles and responsibilities in establishing andmaintaining food safety.

4. BRC Documentation

Develop a food safety management system documentation like a Quality/ Food Safety Manual, Procedures, and Work Instructions, Record templates in compliance with its operations, and a food safety management system that meets the requirements of the BRC standard.

5. Internal Audit

Conduct an internal audit by qualified internal auditors to ensure that your food safety management system meets the requirements of the BRC Packaging standard and is being effectively implemented for a minimum period of three months.

6. Non conformances

Correct any non-conformances identified during the internal audit and take corrective actions to prevent their recurrence.



Submit the application form to a certification body that is accredited to issue BRC certification after all non-conformances are closed.

8. Certification body

The certification body will conduct external audit to assess your organization's compliance with BRC. No of man-days for the audit and fees for certification depends on the number of employees, its processes, unit locations, etc

9. Certificate

On the closure of all non-conformances, if any are raised during the audit, a certificate will be issued which will be valid for defined period

10. Maintain certification

To maintain your BRC certification, you will need to undergo periodic surveillance audits to ensure you continue to meet the requirements of the standard. Normally once in a year

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