1. **What is BRC Global Standard Food Safety Issue 9**

The BRCGS Global Food Safety Standard has set the benchmark for nearly 25 years. Adopted by over 22,000 sites in more than 130 countries, the standard is accepted by 70% of the top 10 global retailers, 60% of the top 10 quick-service restaurants, and 50% of the top 25 manufacturers.

Now in its [9th edition](https://www.brcgs.com/product/global-standard-food-safety-(issue-9)/p-12187/), the standard has constantly evolved to protect the consumer. It was the first standard to be [GFSI benchmarked](https://mygfsi.com/how-to-implement/recognition/), as well as introduce food safety culture requirements, define food fraud, and reduce audit burden through additional modules.

Developed with input from industry, it provides a framework to manage product safety, integrity, legality and quality, and the operational controls for these criteria in the food and food ingredient manufacturing, processing and packing industry.

2 **What Benefits will the standard bring to business**.

The Food Safety standard is the leading Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) scheme, and the most widely accepted by specifiers, brands and retailers.

[Independent research](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/355710552_THE_ECONOMIC_IMPACT_FOR_MANUFACTURING_SITES_OPERATING_TO_BRCGS_CERTIFICATION), carried out by the University of Birkbeck, demonstrates that organisations operating to BRCGS standards improve food safety, operational efficiency, commercial growth, improved profitability and broad-based innovation.

3 **Standard Applicable to**

BRC Global Standards apply to**: Food manufacturers. Packaging manufacturers**. Traders and intermediaries selling or facilitating trade in food or non-food or packaged products.

4 **Where can I down load the standard copy**

You can visit [www.brcgs.com](http://www.brcgs.com) and purchase a copy of the standard.