

IFS Broker Standard



IFS Broker is the standard for auditing the service compliance of brokers, sales representatives, traders and importers of food, household and personal care products or packaging materials. An IFS Broker audit assesses whether the intermediary has implemented suitable processes. These processes must ensure that the products of its suppliers comply with the legal regulations and the product specifications of its customers.

Brand owners and retailers worldwide consider IFS Broker certified companies as some of the most respected companies in the industry. Qualified IFS Auditors working for independent accredited certification bodies carry out the audits.

Benefits of IFS Broker Certification

IFS Certification offers several key benefits for trading companies striving for excellence in quality, product safety and customer satisfaction and those seeking a competitive advantage in their marketplace.

- > IFS Certification **grows sales**: Certified companies retain existing customers and gain new ones with IFS. The certificate shows that they are a trustworthy business partner.
- > The requirements **increase efficiency**: Certified companies optimise their product safety processes and documentation.
- > The system **drives continuous improvement**: The scoring and audit report indicate how a business can progress and reach the next level in food and product safety and quality assurance.
- > The IFS risk-based approach **enables individual risk assessments** and creates a focus on the areas of importance to the unique processes of each company.
- > The non-prescriptive approach **allows custom-made solutions** and enables companies to determine methods for controlling hazards best suited to their unique conditions.
- > **Combining IFS Broker with other IFS Audits** is possible.
- > Companies can choose **between an on-site or remote audit**. Find more information about the remote option below.

What is involved?



IFS SUPPORT TO CERTIFIED BUSINESSES



FREE

IFS Guidelines

help with practical information about specific technical topics.



IFS Training Courses

provide skills for implementing the requirements based on official IFS Training Materials.



Recognised IFS Consultants

are experts giving advice, guidance, and training regarding implementing the IFS Requirements or specific topics.



FREE

The IFS Database

provides visibility to customers, supplier performance information, and IFS News.



FREE

The IFS Software

supports the reporting of internal audits of certified companies.



FREE

IFS Pathway

is a source of knowledge offering technical resources to enhance quality management skills.



FREE

IFS Newsletters

regularly inform about current technical topics and updates of your IFS Standard, the IFS Tools and Services.



FREE

The IFS Risk Management Support Package

delivers relevant data for risk assessment in the supply chain and gives practical orientation. It includes the IFS Trend Risk Monitor (Database homepage), WordCloud, monthly Trend Risk Report, and guidelines.

About IFS

With the professional expertise of retailers, manufacturers, certification bodies and other experts worldwide, IFS develops globally recognised product quality and safety standards and development programs. To complement this, IFS offers supportive tools and guidance documents to help quality managers work more efficiently. The common goal of IFS is to strive for the best product safety and quality management system so that consumers can trust the products they buy.

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The Remote Audit Option

Brokers typically manage product safety and quality without taking physical possession or ownership. Accordingly, good manufacturing and hygiene practices aren't central audit criteria of the Broker Standard. The audit, therefore, does not necessarily require an on-site evaluation. Consequently, IFS offers businesses the option to have the audit performed either on-site or remotely.

Who is it for

The remote audit option is ideal for businesses that

- > operate decentralised,
- > are in co-working spaces, shared or home offices,
- > cannot be visited due to crises.

Prerequisites

- > the company and certification body must mutually agree on it,
- > the auditor and the site must have access and the capability to use Information and Communication Technology (ICT) effectively,
- > the auditor must have done the unique IFS Training for remote audits.

Benefits of a remote audit

- > More flexibility for scheduling audits
- > Less paperwork
- > Saves auditor travel time and costs

Get IFS Broker certified – Start today!

For more information, standard documents, guidelines, and other relevant documents, please visit our website: [ifs-certification.com](https://www.ifs-certification.com)

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Follow 5 Steps towards the remote IFS Broker Audit



1. Get in touch with your certification body.



2. Agree on either the remote or the on-site option.



3. For the remote option, the certification body will perform a risk assessment regarding ICT access, compatibility and feasibility of the audit.



4. The certification body appoints an auditor who has completed the IFS Training for performing IFS Broker remote audits.



5. The remote audit takes place.



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