



IFS Global Markets Logistics

FACT SHEET

Development program for assessing logistical services in relation to product quality and safety

The IFS Global Markets Logistics program's objective is to facilitate market access locally, create mutual acceptance along the supply chain and provide a framework for mentoring, developing and assessing small and less developed logistics service providers. Said companies might encounter difficulties in implementing efficient product safety and quality processes, due to their size, lack of technical expertise or economic resources.

The program includes a protocol to drive the continuous process in logistics safety management systems incrementally. It allows for a flexible implementation of the different levels, from the entry level to the final level to be achieved. Moreover, the IFS Global Markets-Logistics program offers a good opportunity to make the first steps towards a full IFS Logistics certification.

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Scope

The IFS Global Markets-Logistics program is addressed to logistics service providers and is applicable for storage and transport activities of food and non-food products. It includes different checklists as well as an assessment protocol to implement a comprehensive and working product safety and quality system on the basis of continuous improvement. After successful implementation of the IFS Global Markets program, an IFS Logistics certification is a realistic option. The specific requirements shall be implemented within a timeframe that is agreed by the customer.

1. Basic level requirements

- Quality and product safety management
- Resource management
- Realisation of the service
- Management responsibility
- Measurements, analyses and improvements

2. Intermediate level requirements

- Further requirements in regard to:
 - Quality and product safety management
 - Resource management
 - Realisation of the service
 - Measurements, analyses and improvements
- Product defense

3. IFS Logistics certification



Objectives

- Access to national or international markets
- Creation of mutual acceptance along the supply chain
- Support of small and less developed companies by:
 - Mentoring
 - Development
 - Evaluation



Benefits

The IFS Global Markets – Logistics program combines the Global Markets checklists with the advantages of Improved understanding between management and staff, relating to good practices, standards and procedures.

- An IFS assessment protocol for “small and less developed companies”
- A systematic, risk based approach to achieve the IFS Standard over a defined period of time
- The work with qualified certification bodies/assessment service provider and assessors
- A uniform consistent and differentiated evaluation system
- Approach for continuous improvement process within the IFS scoring system
- Cost and time reduction for all involved parties
- A structured and consistent reporting
- The IFS database, for an easy management of partners and suppliers
- Comparability and transparency throughout the entire supply chain
- Recognition by retailers worldwide
- Visibility in the IFS database
- Measurable improvement of processes



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