

IFS Local



What is IFS Local?

IFS Local is a standalone check designed specifically for **small-scale and local food producers** such as micro-enterprises, family-owned businesses, and artisanal producers. It provides a **structured, practical approach to meeting essential food safety, hygiene, and product compliance requirements while keeping administrative effort low.**

Purpose & scope

IFS Local helps you:

- > Establish foundations for **safe food production, processing, and packing.**
- > Ensure compliance with **legal and essential product requirements.**
- > Identify and manage **food safety risks and hazards.**
- > Prepare for **supply relationships with retail** and other business partners.
- > Demonstrate commitment to product safety in a **clear, structured format.**

Key benefits

With IFS Local you can:

- > Demonstrate your commitment to ensuring safe food products.
- > Benefit from an assessor's expertise and practical insights.
- > Optimise your food safety processes.
- > Focus on actionable, practical steps rather than extensive bureaucracy.

How IFS Local works

- > **The checklist:** 44 core requirements are the basis. Depending on customer needs, 6 HACCP-based and 17 additional requirements can be added.
- > **The on-site check:** A 2-to-6-hour on-site check is performed by an IFS-trained assessor. He or she evaluates your activities against the checklist and provides advice on implementation, improvement, and actions.
- > **The check report:** Check results, the assessor's advice and action plan will be summarised in the report. By following up on the proposed actions, you will further enhance your performance and compliance levels and reinforce your commitment.

Typical implementation path

- > Contact your business partners to agree on supply criteria.
- > Download the IFS Local Check **Program** and **Guidance** from the IFS Website.
- > Conduct a self-check or, with expert help, a pre-check to determine the current compliance level.
- > Implement the required elements independently or with expert assistance.
- > Appoint an approved certification body (CB) or assessment service providers (ASP) to conduct the on-site check.
- > Receive a report, implement an action plan, and, if approved, receive a letter of confirmation.
- > Share your success and make documents available to your business partners through the **IFS Database**.

TOOLS & RESOURCES

To support preparation and compliance, IFS provides free support:



IFS Local Check Program & Guidance Documents

explain requirements and how to implement them.



IFS auditXpress Neo

free software to verify checklist compliance, identify improvements, and produce self-check reports.



IFS Database

allows you to share reports and confirmation letters with retail partners and stakeholders.



IFS Newsletter

quarterly newsletters keep you updated about IFS Local, IFS Services, and relevant developments within the food industry.

Get started today and take the first step toward building trust and securing your place on retail shelves or in food service.

Visit the **IFS Local Webpage** to download documents, find relevant information, access the CB and ASP search, and find links to tools and services.

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