

IFS PACsecure 3 - tailor-made for the packaging industry



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We have published the newest version of the IFS PACsecure Standard. It aligns with the current market needs and comes with a **new standard logo**.

"Continuing our steadfast dedication to deliver standards of utmost value, we are pleased to introduce version 3 of the IFS PACsecure Standard. Our collaboration with industry experts, who rigorously review and enhance the information, ensures we are meeting the needs of our stakeholders. IFS PACsecure version 3 is aligned with the ever-changing market and is more user-friendly", says IFS Managing Director Stephan Tromp.

The IFS PACsecure Standard is for **auditing packaging material manufacturing** and converting processes concerning product safety, quality, and customer and regulatory compliance. The standard is applicable for the production, processing or conversion of packaging components and materials intended to be used as primary or secondary packaging for food products and other consumer goods.

Together with the packaging experts of PAC Global, IFS developed the first version of this standard in 2012, ensuring that it is tailor-made for the packaging industry. **It has been the standard from the industry for the industry from the very beginning.**

Audits, according to IFS PACsecure version 3, are possible from **1 July 2024** and become mandatory on **1 October 2024**.

IFS offers certified companies a unique support package

IFS offers guidance, **like guidelines and various tools, to support suppliers** in reaching IFS PACsecure Certification and further enhancing their product safety and quality management processes. Approved **IFS Training Providers offer training** based on official IFS Materials, and **recognised IFS Consultants support businesses** with implementing the requirements and training staff.

Companies interested in gradually **developing product safety and quality processes** can start with the **IFS Global Markets PACsecure Program**. The program is built on standardised requirements and structured in two levels. It helps you progress towards IFS Certification within a defined time frame.

International recognition

The IFS PACsecure version 3 accreditation process is **in progress with the International Accreditation Forum (IAF)** to be recognised under the sub-scopes of product certification of the IAF Multilateral Recognition Arrangement (MLA). IAF MLA signatories mutually recognise accredited certification. It helps to reduce barriers to trade as accredited certificates are recognised in many markets based on a single accreditation. Also, the **benchmarking process with GFSI** has started.

More information

IFS PACsecure version 3 is currently available in English only. Translations will come later, and we will inform you about them on LinkedIn and in our regular newsletters.

For more details: