



It is now possible to perform audits according to IFS Food version 8. For a period of three months, it is possible to perform an audit to either version 7 or version 8. IFS Food 8 audits will become mandatory for all certified companies from 1 January 2024.

The applicability of version 7 ends on 31 December 2023; only in exceptional cases may they be performed after this date. These exceptions are specified in the current IFS Food Doctrines for [version 7](#) and [version 8](#).

The update of the IFS Software auditXpress Neo (AXP Neo) for IFS Food 8 is already available. It significantly facilitates the reporting of internal audits and is free of charge. The new software is fast, intuitive, and clearly arranged. It facilitates the collaboration between audited companies and the certification body, that uses the same software.

Businesses certified to the IFS Food Standard find AXP Neo for downloading in the [login area of the IFS Database](#). We have also made this software available to CBs approved for IFS Food and auditors who did the version 8 conversion training.

On our IFS YouTube channel, you can [watch our video](#) that gives you an overview of the most important changes in version 8 compared to version 7. For more details, download the [IFS Food version 7 and version 8 comparison document](#).

The IFS Food Standard page provides all relevant information about the standard, the roadmap to certification and all relevant documents for downloading from the document hub. Be sure to visit [this page](#) to be excellently prepared for your first IFS Food 8 audit.



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