



FOOD SAFETY CERTIFICATION

with STS Food Safety



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BRC Certification Body

BRC Food Safety
BRC Storage and Distribution



“ Support Training Services (STS) have conducted our onsite STS Food Safety Standard Audits and BRCGS audits for a number of years.

These audits have always been undertaken in a professional manner, on time and within the scope of the audit. Their consistent approach, consistency in interpretation of the standards as well consistency between auditors is outstanding and we therefore strongly recommend their services to fellow manufacturers and other food business operators.

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THIRD PARTY CERTIFICATION FROM STS

STS is a leading provider of food safety and technical services. Over the years, STS has established itself as a highly regarded and reputable independent UKAS accredited Certification Body.

The NHS, amongst others, use our certification standards for any business looking to supply them. STS provide certification for manufacturers, storage and distributors and brokers spanning large multisite organisations to small artisan enterprises.

STS has over 35 years of experience delivered by our dedicated and highly qualified technical team. Our technical expertise is complemented by a flexible, efficient, cost effective and friendly service.

BENEFITS OF THIRD PARTY CERTIFICATION

For manufacturers and other suppliers involved in the food chain, third party certification is designed to demonstrate compliance with global food safety standards.

Holding third party certification also helps protect your brand, provide assurance to your customers, optimise business performance as well as providing you with other significant benefits including:

New business opportunities

As certification is often required or expected contractually to supply many organisations, certification increases your access to markets and can create new opportunities for your business to grow. Gaining certification will put you at an advantage compared with uncertified competitors.

Recognition

Holding independent, external certification provides your team with recognition as well as demonstrating your organisational commitment to building a strong food safety culture.

Stakeholder confidence

Certification provides stakeholders with assurance and confidence in your brand. It also helps demonstrate to your customers, regulators and consumers that your products are safe and legal.

Optimises Business Performance

Helps to reduce waste, product complaints, recalls and supplier audits by helping ensure products and processes are of the highest of standards.

Options available from STS include:

- ✓ STS Food Safety Standard
- ✓ BRCGS Global Standard For Storage & Distribution
- ✓ BRCGS Global Standard For Food Safety
- ✓ STS Standard For Small, Local And Regional Suppliers

STS FOOD SAFETY STANDARD

The STS Food Safety Standard for food suppliers and distributors is a highly regarded UKAS accredited technical standard. In its 9th issue, over the last 20 years this Standard has become the certification of choice for several hundred food suppliers nationwide.

- ✓ The foremost standard used throughout the public sector
- ✓ Widely used throughout the supply chain in private, procurement and food service organisation
- ✓ Unique Listeria-specific content
- ✓ A prerequisite to supply into the NHS

Find out more about our standard and receive a quote today!...

Robust yet achievable, our easy to understand STS Standard covers all aspects of food safety and quality. The Standard is also flexible for all types of food and drink suppliers and is available in three modules:

- Manufacturers
- Storage and distribution organisations
- Agents and brokers

Audit Frequency

Audits are annual or six monthly dependent on the nature of the processes. Audit duration is also variable depending on the scope of the audit as well as size and nature of the organisation.

Please note our fees for audits within the UK are inclusive of travel and expenses so there will be no surprise charges.

What To Look Out For:



UKAS ACCREDITATION

The United Kingdom Accreditation Services (UKAS) is the sole national accreditation body for the UK. UKAS is recognised by the British Government to assess the competence of organisations providing certification against agreed standards. Accreditation by UKAS is formal recognition that activities are performed in a reliable, credible and accurate manner.

The STS Food Standard is accredited by UKAS and STS are accredited against ISO17065 to undertake audits against both the STS Food Standard and BRCGS Global Standards.

Suppliers certificated against the STS and BRCGS Global Standards by STS will therefore achieve certification against a UKAS accredited standard, and the UKAS logo included upon your certification. This provides excellent assurance for customers and can give you competitive edge when applying for tenders and expanding your client base.

What To Look Out For:



BRCGS GLOBAL STANDARDS

BRCGS Global Standards are an internationally reputed mark of food safety and quality. Recognised by the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI), the BRCGS Global Standards allow certified sites to demonstrate that they operate a culture of excellence.

Certification is achieved by undertaking a third-party audit against Standard requirements by an accredited certification body.

STS ARE AN EXPERIENCED, UKAS ACCREDITED BRCGS CERTIFICATION BODY, DELIVERING AUDITS AGAINST BRCGS GLOBAL STANDARDS FOR OVER 10 YEARS.

What To Look Out For:



BRCGS GLOBAL STANDARD FOR FOOD SAFETY

The Global Standard for Food Safety, now in its 8th issue, is well established globally. The BRCGS Global Standard for Food Safety is a product and process certification standard known for compliance to industry best practices.

The Standard provides a framework to manage product safety, integrity, legality and quality as well as the operational controls for these criteria.

Audit Frequency

Audit frequency is annual or six monthly depending on the grade awarded and the number and type of non-conformities. Duration is determined by the BRCGS audit calculator which considers many factors such as the size of the facility and scope the certification needs to cover. Duration is a minimum of 2 days however can be longer for larger or more complex sites.

What To Look Out For:



BRCGS GLOBAL STANDARD FOR STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION

The BRCGS Storage and Distribution Standard, currently Issue 3, is designed to reflect best practice and covers all activities which may affect the safety, quality, integrity and legal standing of the products as they are stored and distributed.

BRCGS certificated sites are able to use their logo on their marketing materials and website, and also will appear on the BRCGS Directory.

What To Look Out For:



Audit Frequency

Audit frequency is usually annually. The duration of the audit depends on the size and complexity of the organisation, however it is usually a minimum of 1 day.

Find out more about BRCGS standards and receive a quote today!

STS STANDARD FOR SMALL, LOCAL AND REGIONAL SUPPLIERS

There is a growing demand for sustainable, local supply however STS recognise that for smaller food and drink suppliers, whilst achieving an independent third party safety certification will help them supply their products, a formal, UKAS accredited third party certification won't be necessarily be the right fit.

Our technical standard for small, local and regional suppliers (SLR Standard) is the perfect fit for smaller businesses that manufacture, distribute and supply food and ingredients. Whilst demonstrating product safety and legality, this standard is more achievable in terms of resource and cost than the STS and BRCGS standards.

The criteria for eligibility for assessment against the SLR Standard is as follows:

- Turnover less than £2 million
- 20 employees or less
- Maximum 100 mile delivery radius

Audit Frequency

Audits are generally based on a half day duration.

Please note our fees for audits within the UK are inclusive of travel and expenses so there will be no surprise charges.

Find out more about our standard for small, local and regional suppliers and receive a quote today!

What To Look Out For:



PRE-AUDIT

To help prepare for obtaining your certification, we can perform pre-audits to establish where you're at, so you can close the gap to obtain your certification. The pre-audit is a useful tool to have prior to audit day. We analyse the gap against the proposed scope, allowing you to resolve any non-conformances prior to the certification audit.

Ideally the pre-audit should be booked for a month or more in advance of the certification audit to enable time to resolve any issues.

WHY CHOOSE STS

THE COMPLETE PACKAGE

As part of the ELAS Group we're the only UK provider to offer total business support in one convenient place. Our services include food safety, employment law, health & safety, occupational health, health surveillance, training, absence management and payroll.

GIVING YOU THE A-TEAM OF AUDITORS

Our auditors have won national best auditor accolades and we're proud to demonstrate our commitment to excellence with our membership of the Society of Food Hygiene and Technology.

With the ELAS Group you get the complete package with one trusted provider:

HR & Employment Law

Health & Safety

Occupational Health

Health Surveillance

Food Safety

Absence Management

Payroll

Training & e-Learning

For more information on these services please see our range of brochures:

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