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**BRC Global Standards for Agents
and Brokers**

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In 1998 the British Retail Consortium (BRC) developed and introduced the BRC technical standard and protocol for companies supplying retailer branded products. i.e BRC Global Standard for Food Safety. The latest standard (Issue 7) published January 2015.

Four other BRC Standards have since been added:

- BRC/IoP Global Standard for Packaging & Packaging Materials, Issue 4.
- BRC Global Standard for Storage and Distribution, Issue 2.
- BRC Global Standard for Consumer Products, Issue 4.
- BRC Global Standard for Agents & Brokers, Issue 1

The purpose of the five standards is to ensure that all retailer branded food/consumer items are manufactured, packaged and distributed according to a defined set of guidelines and procedures ensuring product safety and consumer confidence. The common theme in all standards is the need to risk assess your process in order to identify the necessary control measures.

The number of BRC certified sites is a testament to the increased international popularity of the BRC standards. Currently there are almost 21,000 certified sites in 90 countries with the USA being the area of greatest growth. Achieving BRC Certification against the relevant BRC standard is an essential component of any business's strategy for business continuity.

Regardless of which end of the food/product supply chain a business operates, due diligence is one of the most essential elements of business continuity. Achieving BRC Certification against the relevant BRC standard not only allows companies demonstrate due diligence, it also opens business opportunities with the most powerful sector in the supply chain, the retailer. The first step to achieving certification is to learn and understand your relevant standard.

BRC Issue 7 was published in January 2015 and came into effect July 1st 2015. The standard has been written with a "back to basics philosophy" with a distinct focus on Hazard Control plus the addition of two extra fundamental clauses to deal with supplier approval, product integrity and labelling. New subclauses in Section 3.5 Supplier Approval, focus on products sourced via agents and brokers and the need to identify the last manufacturer or packer. Section 3.9 traceability has also been enhanced with regards to traceability and integrity of raw material supply. Section 4.3 product flow and segregation has had significant modifications made again in an effort to enhance production protection and segregation measures. This has led to the introduction of a new product Risk Zone, Ambient High Care. Ambient High Care may seem like a contradiction in terms however this new inclusion has been made in response to a number of high profile food poisoning incidents particularly in the USA.

Duration & Price

Duration: 1 day

Delivery mode: This programme is available In-Company

Dates & Locations

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What's covered?

- Course Introduction
- Define Objectives
- Overview of BRC Global Standards:
 - BRC Global Standard for Food Safety – Issue 7
 - BRC/IOP Global Standard for Packaging & Packaging Materials – Issue 4 (*as required*)
 - BRC Global Standard for Storage and Distribution – Issue 2, and (*as required*)
 - BRC Global Standard for Consumer Products – Issue 3. (*as required*)
 - BRC Global Standard for Agents & Brokers, Issue 1 (*as required*)
- Global Food Safety Standard – Issue 7:
 - Significant changes to BRC 7
 - New fundamental clauses
- Audit Options
- Changes to Seven Sections: - **GAP Analysis All changes will be highlighted**
 - Senior Management Commitment
 - Food Safety Plan / Hazard & Risk Management
 - Food Safety & Quality Management System
 - Site Standard
 - Product Control
 - Process Control
 - Personnel
- Production Zone Decision Tree – Ambient High Care
- Additional Voluntary Modules
- The Audit Protocol
- Certification Process
- Non-conformance categorisation
- Audit Scoring & Approval Process
- Course Review / Evaluation

Note: *The Public course will focus primarily on the BRC Food Safety Standard and the upgrade to issue 7 as this is the standard of greatest demand. In-house courses can be tailored to the specific needs of the other four individual standards.*

Delegates will receive a very comprehensive course manual. **All delegates to bring a copy of their relevant standard** – copy can be down-loaded free from <http://www.brcbookshop.com/>

Who should participate?

- General management who wish to acquire a broad knowledge of the BRC requirements
- Quality Assurance / Technical and Production Personnel who have specific responsibilities for BRC Certification as part of a risk management team
- Engineering/Maintenance Personnel
- HACCP Team Members

What will I learn?

Participants achieve the following learning outcomes from the programme;

- Understand the development of the BRC Global Standards
- Be familiar with the risk requirements of all five standards in particular BRC Food Safety Standard Issue 7
- Know how to implement the changes to the requirements for Issue 7
- Understand the reasons for changes to the Issue 7 Standard.
- Understand the colour coding of the BRC Food Safety Standard
- Undertake Production Risk Zoning Categorisation
- Understand the new scoring system and changes to the audit protocol
- Understand the third party BRC Certification process

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