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Introducing IFS Supply Chain Processes Check

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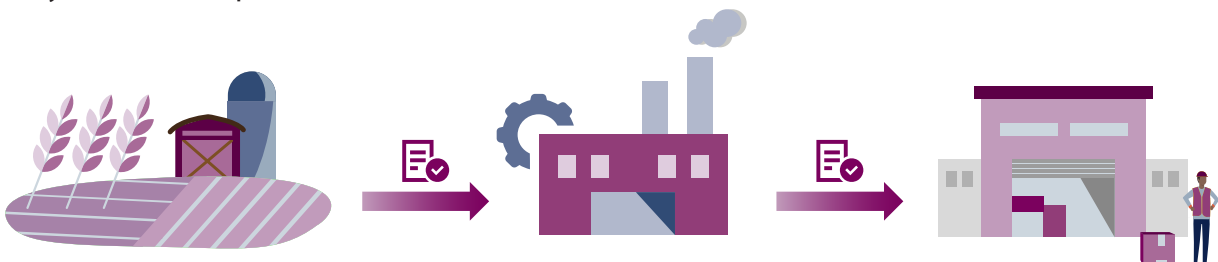
“IFS Supply Chain Processes Check assesses whether a company can identify risks in its supply chain. Potential risks may include food safety, product fraud or ESG risks. The check helps companies implement the necessary processes for effective supply chain management and secure their supply chain through risk management.”



Stephan Tromp
IFS Managing Director

Why do companies need to assess risks in the supply chain?

As the complexities in the global product supply chain continue to grow, it is crucial for companies to identify associated risks. We are pleased to introduce the IFS Supply Chain Processes Check to support this effort. It helps verify that your company has established appropriate processes, identifies improvement opportunities, enhances business resilience, and increases customer trust. With the IFS Supply Chain Processes Check, you safeguard your business and demonstrate a proactive approach to planning for the future to your business partners.



Introducing IFS Supply Chain Processes Check

Reduce Risks – Protect your Business

The check intends to help you identify, analyse and monitor risks in your supply chain. Here is how it works:

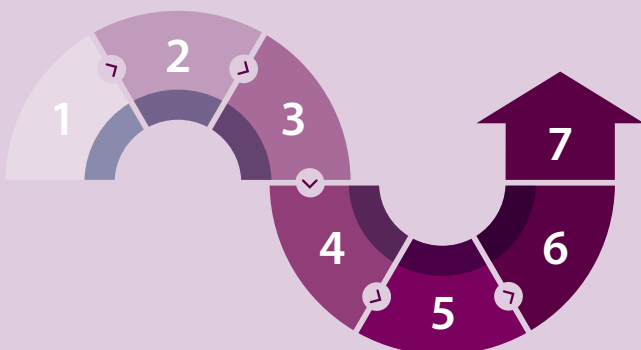
- 1) Contact an IFS approved certification body or assessment services provider to communicate your intention to implement the check.
- 2) Implement the necessary processes and fill in the critical raw materials in the pre-defined commodity list conveniently provided in the free IFS auditXpress Neo Software.
- 3) Engage an auditor or assessor to validate the commodity list, the company's data and evidence.
- 4) Receive the improvement action plan. Fill in and return the action plan to the certification body or assessment services provider, if applicable. Receive the report and letter of confirmation.
- 5) Review the report, improvement action plan and letter of confirmation uploaded to the IFS Database by the certification body or assessment services provider.
- 6) Make the documents available to your business partners.
- 7) Repeat this process and renew the assessment annually.



Benefits of the IFS Supply Chain Processes Check

The IFS Supply Chain Processes Check provides an easy-to-navigate guide to supply chain security. The free IFS auditXpress Neo Software contains a list of critical raw materials to simplify and develop effective risk analyses.

- > **Manage supply chain risks to protect your business today and in the future**
- > **Provide verified data and results to enhance trust with business partners**
- > **Demonstrate commitment to supply chain risk management**
- > **Prepare for EU and regional regulations**
- > **Foster transparency by sharing your IFS Supply Chain Processes Check commodity data via the IFS Database**
- > **Combine this check with your IFS Audit or Assessment**



Introducing IFS Supply Chain Processes Check

Learn more

- > Download the **IFS Supply Chain Processes Check program**.
- > Visit the **webpage**.

IFS Support

Guideline

A comprehensive **guideline** helps you prepare for the IFS Supply Chain Processes Check and enhances your knowledge of risk analysis methods and supply chain risk management practices.

IFS Commodity List Brochure

The **brochure** provides more information about the IFS Commodity List.

The IFS Supply Chain Processes Check program, guideline and commodity list brochure are available in English, French, and German, with Italian and Spanish soon to follow.

IFS Software

The IFS auditXpress Neo Software supports you to prepare for the IFS Supply Chain Processes Check. You can enter data in the commodity list, ensuring an efficient validation process with the auditor or assessor. You can download IFS auditXpress Neo Software for free from the IFS Database login area.

Stay up to date

Stay in touch to receive regular newsletter updates about the IFS Supply Chain Processes Check. Subscribe **here**.

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