

**FACT SHEET**

# IFS Product Integrity Assessment (PIA)

IFS PIA – IFS Product Integrity Assessment is an assessment program to check a company's management of product integrity risks: is the company able to fulfill the customer specification in such a way that a product fully complies with everything that is communicated and expected.

Product integrity does not only relate to the production processes in the production plant but also to administrative processes as well as to the supply chain and how the company handles raw material related risks (e.g. food fraud or claims etc.).

Food scandals can have a major impact on the consumer trust in food products. As a result of recent integrity and fraud incidents food retailers and producers started to audit the way that their suppliers manage integrity risks. The ever-rising demands of consumers and legal requirements, the increasing liabilities of retailers, wholesalers and food services and the globalisation of product supply: all made it essential to develop a uniform program for product integrity. The assessment aims to reduce the time associated with a multitude of audits for involved stakeholders and to increase the trust and transparency in the food industry.

# IFS PIA



## Scope

IFS PIA can be applied to all types of food processing, including:

- Meat, fish, poultry
- Dairy and eggs
- Fruits and vegetables
- Grains cereals, bakery, confectionary
- Herbs and spices



## Coverage

IFS PIA integrates the product and especially its raw materials in the assessment. The requirements of the IFS PIA are divided into seven chapters:

- Management Commitment & Company Culture
- Supply Chain and Subcontractors
- Claims and Certificates
- Product & Process Integrity Risk Management
- Traceability and Product Balance
- Product Integrity Management System
- Product Integrity Financial Management



## Objectives

- Establishment of a stand-alone assessment of product integrity with a uniform evaluation system
- A solid basis of trust between the company and their clients
- Improvement of product integrity systems in the supply chain
- Minimization of double work and high costs, as product integrity checks of individual retailers are minimized



## Benefits

The IFS PIA Program offers key benefits for those companies striving for excellence in quality, product integrity and customer satisfaction.

An IFS PIA Assessment can give your company a competitive advantage in the market place:

- An IFS Evaluation Protocol for large as well as small and/or less developed companies
- Ensure comparability and transparency throughout the entire supply chain
- Work with qualified IFS Approved Integrity Assessors
- A systematic, risk-based approach from the product's perspective
- Structured and consistent reporting
- Scoring shows the degree of implementation of each requirement
- Reduction of costs and time for both suppliers and retailers

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