Food safety

BRCGS Packaging Materials Issue 7

Two days to put in place, at a packaging manufacturer, a product safety and quality system that complies with BRCGS Packaging Materials Issue 7. Hazard and risk analysis, culture, foreign bodies, inks and food contact, workshop hygiene, specifications and declarations of compliance: the course starts from your extrusion, printing or converting processes and ends on an action plan.

Duration : 2 days

Objectives

1. Present the structure of BRCGS Packaging Materials Issue 7 and its fundamental requirements
2. Carry out a hazard and risk analysis (HARA) on a packaging manufacturing process
3. Identify the risks linked to inks, varnishes and adhesives, and to migration into the packed product
4. Organise foreign body control and hygiene in a packaging workshop
5. Establish specifications, declarations of compliance and traceability that make a recall possible

Programme

Day 1 — morning

• Why food manufacturers require BRCGS Packaging Materials from their suppliers

• Structure of the Issue 7 standard, audit options and grading

• Management commitment, quality and product safety culture

• HARA method: physical, chemical and microbiological hazards specific to packaging

Day 1 — afternoon

• Exercise: HARA on one line of your site, from reel or granule to pallet

• Food contact for export: Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004, good manufacturing practice under Regulation (EC) No 2023/2006, migration testing

• Inks, varnishes and adhesives: selection, supplier declarations, set-off risk

• Recycled materials and supplier changes: what to assess before accepting

Day 2 — morning

• Site standards: zoning, workshop hygiene, cleaning, pest control

• Foreign bodies: glass and hard plastic, blades and sharp tools, pallet control

• Process control: press proof approval, checks on text, codes and colours, management of plates and cylinders

• Personnel: training, hygiene, workshop rules

Day 2 — afternoon (workshop)

• Customer and material specifications, declarations of compliance, documents supplied to the customer

• Traceability, complaints, withdrawal and recall of a batch of packaging

• Workshop: the site’s action plan ahead of the audit

• Knowledge test and presentation of the packaging action plan

Teaching methods

• Case studies on your processes: extrusion, printing, lamination, die-cutting or thermoforming
• HARA carried out in sub-groups on a real line
• Analysis of declarations of compliance and ink supplier data sheets
• Workshop walk with a foreign body and hygiene checklist
• Quiz on HARA and food contact, then final test

Assessment and documents

Knowledge test at the end of the session, reaction survey at D+1. Numbered training certificate, verifiable online; training report, the workshop HARA and the action plan handed to the company.

Bilingual materials for every participant; each classroom course comes with its digital twin on OmniLearn.

Good to know

For operators, the half-day module “Product Safety in the Packaging Workshop (Operators)” extends this course on the line. If your customer asks for IFS PACsecure rather than BRCGS, see “IFS PACsecure v2 — Requirements”.

Practical information

Duration	2 days
Group size	Groups of 6 to 12 participants, in-company
Format	In-company, face to face on your site
Language	French, Darija or English; bilingual materials
Funding	OFPPT special training contracts (TFP), GIAC, Maroc PME: we prepare the applications with you, at no extra cost.
Programme customisation	Programme adapted to your procedures, your equipment and your audience

Frequently asked questions

Our site also makes non-food packaging: is the course useful?
Yes. BRCGS Packaging Materials covers packaging for food and for other consumer products, such as hygiene or household care. Contact requirements are then adapted to the packed product; hazard analysis, foreign body control and traceability stay the same.

What is HARA?
It is the hazard and risk analysis the standard requires for each process. For packaging it plays the role the HACCP plan plays for food: identify the hazards, assess them and define control measures. The workshop builds one on your line.

Who should attend?
Management, quality, production and printing. The workshop supervisors who set up machines and approve press proofs are central to controlling text and code errors, the main cause of recalls of printed packaging.

Can the training be funded?
It can be part of an OFPPT CSF file or, depending on your situation, a GIAC support request. We prepare the file with you; the funding decision is not ours.