Food safety

BRCGS Storage & Distribution / IFS Logistics

Two days to prepare a warehouse, a distribution platform or a carrier for BRCGS Storage and Distribution Issue 4 or IFS Logistics. Choice of standard and scope, temperature control, product integrity, hygiene, pests, traceability, subcontracted transport and the unannounced audit are worked on your real flows, through to the site's action plan.

Duration : 2 days

Objectives

1. Choose between BRCGS Storage and Distribution Issue 4 and IFS Logistics and set the right scope
2. Apply the requirements on temperature control, storage and loading to your flows
3. Organise traceability, handling of nonconforming products and withdrawal in a multi-customer warehouse
4. Manage carriers and other subcontractors
5. Prepare the site and teams for an unannounced audit

Programme

Day 1 — morning

• Storing, distributing, transporting: why the warehouse is an audited link in the chain

• BRCGS Storage and Distribution Issue 4 and IFS Logistics: structure, scope, activities covered

• BRCGS voluntary modules and ancillary activities: relabelling, sorting, contract freezing, cross-docking

• Management commitment, culture and hazard analysis applied to logistics

Day 1 — afternoon

• Temperature control: mapping, recording, alarms, cold chain break

• Receiving, storage, order picking and loading: integrity of pallets and parcels

• Hygiene, cleaning, pests, maintenance of docks and cold rooms

• Exercise: hazard analysis on a flow of your site

Day 2 — morning

• Traceability, multi-customer stock, blocked and nonconforming products

• Withdrawal, recall and communication with the customers who own the goods

• Subcontracted carriers: selection, contract, checks on vehicles and temperatures

• Site security, food defence and access control

Day 2 — afternoon (workshop)

• Unannounced audit: audit window, receiving the auditor, documents to hand

• BRCGS grading and IFS scoring: effects on the certificate

• Workshop: your site's gaps and action plan

• Knowledge test and presentation of the logistics action plan

Teaching methods

• Warehouse or cold room walk with an audit checklist

• Reading real temperature records and analysing a cold chain break

• Comparison of the two standards on your own activities

• Role play: receiving an auditor during an unannounced audit

• Quiz on the cold chain and traceability, 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 and the site's action plan handed to management.

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

Good to know

For a trader that does not store the products itself, the suitable course is "BRCGS Agents & Brokers / IFS Broker". Traceability and the recall exercise are covered in depth in "Traceability, Withdrawal, Recall and Crisis Management".

Practical information

Duration	2 days
Audience	Warehouses, logistics platforms, carriers, port service providers: management, quality, operations, maintenance
Prerequisites	No prerequisites
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

BRCGS Storage and Distribution or IFS Logistics?

Both cover storage, distribution and transport without processing. The choice depends mainly on your customers and on the ancillary activities you carry out. A warehouse that relabels, sorts or freezes on contract must check that these activities fall within the chosen scope; the course helps you do so before the audit.

Is a manufacturer that stores its own products concerned?

In principle no: its warehouses come under its own certification, for example IFS Food or BRCGS Food Safety. These logistics standards target providers that store or transport other people's products. Mixed cases are settled with the certification body.

Are non-food products covered?

Yes, both standards also cover products other than food, such as packaging or consumer goods. The course covers the common requirements and points out what changes depending on the products stored.