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## **BRC PUBLISHES INTERPRETATION GUIDELINE FOR GLOBAL STANDARD FOR STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION ISSUE 2**

The British Retail Consortium (BRC) has today published the first Interpretation Guideline for its internationally recognised BRC Global Standard for Storage and Distribution Issue 2.

Originally introduced in 2006, the BRC Global Standard for Storage and Distribution was developed by a multi-stakeholder group including industry representatives, certification bodies and retailers, to provide the essential certification link between the range of BRC manufacturing Standards and the end users; retailers and food service companies. The Standard is designed to ensure best practice in handling, storage and distribution of products and promotes continuous improvement in operating practices to ensure product safety, quality and legality. It also enables certification of a range of contracted services commonly operated by storage companies on behalf of their customers to take into account the often diverse operations and networks making up the distribution chain.

The Interpretation Guideline explores the principles behind each of the requirements of the Standard clause by clause, identifying methods of compliance. It assists companies in effective implementation across all industry sectors, helping manufacturers to obtain certification to the Standard.

**Thomas Owen, BRC Global Standards Storage and Distribution Scheme Manager, said:** “Since we now have over 1,000 sites certificated to the BRC Global Standard for Storage and Distribution, the development of the Interpretation Guideline was key to ensure all our sites are able to interpret clauses accurately and understand the requirements of the Standard. As we continue to see an increase in the number of sites across the globe, it was important for us to support this growth with guidance for sites implementing the Standard or maintaining their certification.”

The Interpretation Guideline for the BRC Global Standard for Storage and Distribution is available on BRC Participate. Launched last year, BRC Participate offers immediate access to all documents relevant to a particular Standard, linking them clause by clause. Printed copies and PDF downloads of the Interpretation Guideline are also available for purchase from the BRC Bookshop.

#### **Notes to Editors:**

##### **About BRC Global Standards**

BRC Global Standards are the world's biggest provider of safety and quality standards programmes for food manufacture, packaging, storage, and distribution. BRC Global Standards are generated with the help of technical specialists, retailers, manufacturers and certification bodies from around the world, so everything is based on practicality, rigour and clarity.

The BRC Global Standards certification scheme offer comprehensive support to help new and established businesses to achieve and maintain their quality and safety aims.

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