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BRC LEADS THE WAY IN PRODUCTION OF SAFE PACKAGING WITH RELEASE OF NEW GLOBAL STANDARD

BRC Global Standards has announced a publication date of 1 July 2015 for the fifth issue of its internationally recognised Global Standard for Packaging and Packaging Materials.

Issue 5 will focus on:

- a move from 'good practice' to 'best practice'
- the quality management systems process in printed packaging controls
- continuing to ensure consistency of the audit process
- providing a Standard that meets retailers' and brand owners' needs to reduce the audit burden
- better recognition of the diversity of the packaging industry and its customers' demands
- encouraging greater transparency and traceability in the supply chain
- encouraging adoption of the Standard as a means of improving product safety at small sites and facilities where processes are still in development

Joanna Griffiths, BRC Global Standards' Packaging Technical Manager said, "Building on the core principles of management commitment, a hazard and risk analysis-based product safety programme and a supporting quality management system, the objective of the

rewrite of Issue 5 has been to direct the focus of the audit towards the implementation of good manufacturing practices within the production areas while recognising the diversity and breadth of the packaging industry, and the skills required to audit it. We believe Issue 5 is in a great position to continue the growth of the Standard and the industry's confidence in it.”

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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 offers comprehensive support to help new and established businesses to achieve and maintain their quality and safety aims.

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