



Press Release

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BRC GLOBAL STANDARDS ANNOUNCE A RANGE OF SOLUTIONS AND TOOLS DESIGNED TO MEET FSMA EXPECTATIONS

BRC is pleased to announce the development of a full range of solutions and tools designed to assist you in preparing to meet FSMA expectations. In addition, these tools will help effectively evaluate how prepared the supply chain is.

BRC Global Standards contracted The Acheson Group (TAG) to assess the BRC Global Standard for Food Safety Issue 7 against the final rule for Preventative Controls for Human Food. The results of the analysis show that certification to the BRC Global Standard for Food Safety Issue 7 is in almost complete alignment with the expectations in FSMA. BRC will be releasing the full analytical matrix, along with the overview assessment during April 2016.

Many other GFSI benchmarked schemes have had a basic comparison matrix completed between their requirements and some aspects of the Food Safety Modernization Act (some had this work complete prior to the rules being final), BRC has taken the position that sites, and specifiers, also need to know where there are gaps, and how to best approach satisfying additional needs.

To accompany the TAG matrix, BRC will be hosting a series of live webinars, outlining what additional requirements are needed to fulfill the handful of prescriptive elements within preventative controls not covered by BRC certification. The webinars, titled "The FSMA BRC Connection for BRC Certificated Sites" are a must, not just for certificated organizations, but also their supply chains. The webinars will be delivered in several languages.

You can download a copy of the BRC/TAG report and register for the live webinar on www.brcglobalstandards.com

Other supporting material to be published in April 2016 include a FSMA Guidance Document, Preventative Controls Checklist, FSMA Product Brochures for Specifiers and Manufactures, a FSMA Additional Voluntary Module (AVM) for Food 7 certification audits.

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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