

THE IMPORTANCE OF PACKAGING STANDARDS:

EXPLORING THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF PACKAGING SAFETY & QUALITY IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY

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Magdalena shares insights on packaging standards through her industry experience

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LEARN THE IMPLEMENTATION AND BENEFITS OF THESE 3 POPULAR STANDARDS

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Practical Approaches to Packaging Safety and Quality Management.

In the food industry, the safety and quality of packaging are paramount. Effective management systems not only help meet regulatory requirements but also build consumer trust and contribute to market success. Three popular standards used by packaging manufacturers are BRC Packaging, and FSSC 22000 Packaging and SQF Packaging. All three standards are in place in our company!



First, a few things about standards..

FSSC 22000 (Food Safety System Certification) is an international standard for certifying food safety management systems, including those of packaging manufacturers. It is based on ISO standards, making it flexible and easy to integrate with other management systems, such as ISO 9001.

The BRC Packaging system, developed by the British Retail Consortium (BRC), is globally recognized. Its primary aim is to ensure the safety and quality of packaging used in the food industry. In practice, this means a rigorous approach to controlling production processes, hygiene, and quality management.



This year ViskoTeepak Delfzijl hosted a BRC auditor for their certificate renewal, achieving an A-status after a successful session, marking a significant milestone.

SQF (Safe Quality Food) is a globally recognized food safety certification standard, particularly popular in North America. SQF covers not only food safety but also quality management, making it a comprehensive management systems.

Ensuring Packaging Safety and Quality in the Food Industry

In the food industry, the daily practice of managing packaging safety and quality is crucial to meeting stringent

customer requirements and regulatory standards. BRC Packaging, FSSC 22000 Packaging, and SQF Packaging help companies achieve these goals by providing frameworks for monitoring, controlling, and improving production processes.

For BRC Packaging, companies often rely on external audits to identify weaknesses in management and hygiene. However, they differ in their approach to certification and system structure. BRC Packaging is more detailed and requires regular external audits, which can be beneficial for companies needing stringent process control.

On the other hand, FSSC 22000 offers greater flexibility, allowing companies to tailor the system to their specific needs and integrate it with other ISO standards.

SQF Packaging is a comprehensive management system that combines quality management with food safety. It is particularly popular in North America and recognized by major retailers, making it an attractive choice for companies operating in these markets.

Selecting the Right Packaging Standard

Choosing between BRC Packaging, FSSC 22000 Packaging, and SQF Packaging depends on a company's specific needs and priorities. All three systems provide robust frameworks for managing packaging safety and quality, but they differ in their approaches to audits, documentation, and integration with other management systems.

For companies in the food sector that require detailed control over production processes, BRC Packaging might be more suitable. Meanwhile, companies looking for a flexible management system that can easily integrate with other standards might lean towards FSSC 22000. Companies operating in the American market that want to combine quality management with food safety might

prefer SQF Packaging.

Regardless of the choice, implementing one of these standards brings numerous benefits, including increased customer trust, improved operational efficiency, and compliance with international standards. All three systems are globally recognized and are key components of strategies for managing packaging safety and quality in the food industry.

At ViskoTeepak, regardless of the specific standard implemented at each facility, we are guided by the same values and share a common goal: to produce the best possible product. Our commitment to quality, safety, and continu-

ous improvement unites us across all our operations, ensuring that we consistently meet the high expectations of our customers and the demands of the global market.

PACKAGING STANDARDS IN ACTION:





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