



Audit requirements

Full BRCGS scheme requirements	Yes	No Risk assessed	Yes	No
Remote interview and document review	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Video assessment of production	No – on site audit of production	No	Yes	No
Typical audit duration	2 days	0.5 days	2 days	0.5 days

Result

Certificate	Yes – Based on the normal Standard protocol	Yes – 6 month extension	Yes – 6 or 12 Month Based on the normal Standard protocol	No – Results on public BRCGS Directory
Grading (where applicable)	Yes AA to D	Yes – as per existing certificate	Yes AA to D	No

Recognition

GFSI compliant	Yes*	Yes*	No	No
Accredited	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximise the effectiveness of the time spent on site Cost efficiencies through the sharing and reviewing of information ahead of the site visit Demonstrate ongoing compliance and customer confidence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site can maintain the practices and processes guaranteed by their certificate GFSI compliant and covered by accreditation Demonstrate ongoing compliance and customer confidence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enables certification where GFSI benchmarked options are no longer available due to Covid-19 restrictions Provides customers with a level of supplier assurance Uses technology to enable a thorough assessment of the product safety management systems. Covered by accreditation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can be used by any food manufacturer Can be used at any time Provides assurance around the management of Covid-19 risks.
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* Consumer Products and Gluten Free Certification Programme are not benchmarked by GFSI

References

BRCGS072 Certificate Extension for audits impacted by Covid-19
 BRCGS075 Certificate Extension Report Template
 BRCGS078 Position Statement on Onsite Audits Post Covid-19 Lockdown. Special allowances for CBs/protocol amendments during pandemic
 BRCGS080 Blended audit -remote audit using ICT Blended audits
 BRCGS086 Remote Certification During Pandemic Restrictions -Fully remote audit option for use during pandemic when onsite audits are not possible
 FAM811 Covid-19 Assessment -Covid-19 additional module for assessment of Covid-19 related amendments
 FAM812 Covid-19 Additional Module Assessment Report Template Audit report template
 BRCGS Covid-Hub various articles and supporting documents to support sites through Covid-19 (brcgs.com/resources/covid-19-response/)