

## BRC (British Retail Consortium) Key Points

- BRC Global Standard for Food Safety is GFSI Approved.
- The BRC Global Standard for Food Safety and Interpretation Guideline for Implementing the BRC Food Safety Standard are available as a downloadable .pdf or printed book from the BRC website (<http://www.brcbookshop.com>). Cert ID can also provide you with a copy of the Standard or Guideline.
- Each site seeking certification is required to have a purchased copy of the BRC Global Standard for Food Safety.
- Training is not required however; Cert ID encourages all companies to obtain BRC training prior to scheduling a BRC audit for certification. Cert ID can assist you in setting up your training and recommends only BRC Approved Training Providers (ATP's). ATP's are registered with the BRC and provide training and materials that are provided directly from the BRC. To verify your trainer is BRC registered connect to the BRC's link:  
<http://www.brcglobalstandards.com/training-providers/atps-around-the-world/>
- Independent BRC Consultants are available to help develop your food safety and quality program if you feel you need assistance in preparing for your BRC audit. Cert ID can also connect you with a BRC Consultant.
- A pre-assessment audit may be scheduled first to determine the readiness of your facility. At the conclusion of the pre-assessment, you will be provided with a list of all non-conformances. You have an option to convert your initial BRC audit to a pre-assessment if you are not satisfied with your audit result.
- Non-conformances cited during the onsite audit must be corrected within 28 calendar days from the onsite visit. Cert ID collects the Corrective Actions and submits them for review and signoff by the auditor that conducted your onsite visit.
- Your certification grade and audit frequency is based on the number and level of non-conformances that were found during the on-site audit.
- The certification decision is made by Cert ID and is typically completed within 42 calendar days.
- All Cert ID certificates display the TPA logo and auditor number on the issued certificate. Cert ID requires that their BRC auditors obtain Third Party Auditor training and hold a BRC TPA certificate.
- BRC certification does not allow the BRC label to be placed on your finished product packaging.
- Cert ID offers BRC Storage and Distribution certification in addition to BRC Food Safety certification.