**Dear Client to apply for and to justify possible application of Waivers related to** [BRC072](https://www.iatfglobaloversight.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/IATF-Certification-Body-Communiqu%C3%A9-2020-001-IATF-Waivers-Coronavirus-1.pdf) Guidance document, **we like you to answer the following questions and send it to your related TUEV NORD office**

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| Company / Site name (as on Certificate) |  |
| Street, number: |  |
| ZIP City: |  |
| Certificate Registration No. (shown on Certificate) |  |
| BRC site code (shown on Certificate) |  |
| Other Certification held |  |

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| Certificate validity date: |  |
| Time frame of next audit |  |

**PART A: To be filled by Client**

**A1: Reason for Waiver Request**

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| tick reason(s) for your application (in left column, several reasons can be ticked as applicable): | |
|  | Site is directly affected by Coronal Outbreak issues (employee shortages, governmental requirements, trade restrictions related due to corona outbreak) |
|  | Site is affected by Corona Outbreak related restrictions please specify the country / state / region: |
|  | Site is affected by decreased / stopped demands from corona outbreak impacted Customers |
|  | Site is affected by pre-material / service issue (e.g. delivery shortages / production stops) of suppliers affected by corona outbreak |
|  | Other (please explain): |

**A2: Waiver Request**

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| tick reason(s) for your application (in left column, only one issue can be ticked as applicable): | |
|  | Remote audit requested and GMP audit within 6 month (extension of certificate up to 12 month) |
|  | Remote audit offered and declined due to Coronavirus |
|  | Physical audit offered and declined due to Coronavirus |
|  | Site no operational due to Coronavirus |

**A3: Requirements on remote audit to be confirmed by the client** (in left column, tick the confirmed requirements)

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|  | Computer with Internet-Access |
|  | Conferencing tools (WebEX, Skype for Business, Zoom, etc.) |
|  | Webcam |
|  | Good audio equipment (microphone, speakers, headset, telephone, etc.) |
|  | Secure and stable Internet connection (LAN, WLAN) also in all areas of the production facility |
|  | In case of specific company security requirements the client is responsible to provide a secured internet connection |
|  | The BRCGS self assessment (e.g. F804 for the Food Standard available from brcgs.com) internal audit was done and report is attached to waiver request. |

**A4: We like you to answer the following questions and sign this document and send it to your related TUEV-NORD office resp. your related TUEV-NORD Auditor.**

| **Question** (with reference to IAF ID3:2011) | **Answer / Explanation** | **Remark** |
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| How in particular is Your Organization / Site as above directly / indirectly affected by the Corona-Outbreak? |  |  |
| When will your organization expect to be able to function normally? |  |  |
| When will your organization expect to be able to ship products or perform the service defined within the current scope of certification? |  |  |
| Have You informed Your Customer(s) about implication of the Corona-Outbreak to Your site (as above) |  |  |
| Will your organization need to use alternative manufacturing and/or distribution sites? |  |  |
| If so, are these currently covered under current certification? |  |  |
| Does existing inventory still meet customer specifications or will your organization contact your customers regarding possible concessions? |  |  |
| A plan and system is in place to manage the incident effectively as requested by BRCGS |  |  |
| Will some of the processes and / or services performed or products shipped be subcontracted to other organizations? |  |  |
| If so, how will the other organizations’ activities be controlled by the certified organization / Your site (as above)? |  |  |

**A5: Waiver Application prepared by Client**

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| Date |  | Name |  | Function |  | Signature client |

(Print), sign (scan) and send to your supporting

**Please add your local office email address**

**Part B: To be filled / processed by TUEV NORD local office**

**B1:** **Confirmed audit dates:**

(Print), sign (scan) and send to your supporting

[**TNCERT-CB-Corona@tuev-nord.de**](mailto:TNCERT-CB-Corona@tuev-nord.de)

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| Confirmed remote audit date: | |  |
| GMP audit (tick one option ) | |  |
|  | Announced date: |  |
|  | Unannounced date: |  |

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| Date |  | Name |  | Function |  | Signature local office |

**Part B: To be filled / processed by TUEV NORD CERT CSM**

**C1: Risk Assessment of TÜV NORD CERT Germany**

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| **Requirements evaluation:** | **0** | **1** | **3** |
| Presence of hardware and software resources to be able to carry out an exhaustive and effective remote audit (e.g. webcam, microphones, speakers, fast internet line, etc.)  Presence = 0  Absence = 6 |  | N.A. |  |
| Absence of critical situations throughout the organization's certification history with respect to the BRCGS standard  Absence of certificate suspension and/or withdrawn in the last 3 years = 0  Presence of certificate suspension and/or withdrawn in the last 3 years = 1 |  |  | N.A. |
| Presence of a mature BRCGS system  Site certified since >= 3 years = 0  Site certified since < 3 years = 1 |  |  | N.A. |
| Absence of critical situations in the previous BRCGS audit  Certificate Grade >= B = 0  Certificate Grade < B = 3 |  | N.A. |  |
| Presence of other active certifications with the CB (or other accredited CB)  Presence = 0  Absence = 1 |  |  | N.A. |
| Presence of pending complaints / Compliance activities / legal proceedings  Absence = 0  Presence = 3 |  | N.A. |  |
| Presence of substantial changes compared to the previous verification  Absence = 0  Presence = 1 |  |  | N.A. |
| Presence of a COVID-19 crisis management plan  Presence = 0  Absence = 1 |  |  | N.A. |
| Presence of multi-site certification (where allowed) with centralized processes  Absence = 0  Presence = 1 |  |  | N.A. |
| Presence of processes or services outsourced following the COVID-19 emergency  Absence = 0  Presence = 1 |  |  | N.A. |
| Presence of microbiologically sensitive production areas (High Risk and High Care) or Gluten free certification  Absence = 0  Presence = 3 |  | N.A. |  |
| If the sum of the individual items is <= 2, the risk is considered LOW.  If the sum of the individual items is > 2 and <6 is consicered MEDIUM = increase audit time for the remote audit of 20%  If the sum of the individual items is >= 6, the risk is considered HIGH. No remote audit possible | **Risk:** | | |

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| Based on above risk assessment a remote audit will be accepted. | yes |  |
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| Date |  | Name |  |  | Signature CSM |

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| **Scenario** | **Outcome** |
| Site operating but situated in government restricted travel zone or biosecurity company policy does not allow an auditor onsite | Remote audit undertaken and new certificate issued |
| Site operating in government restricted travel zone refuses opportunity for remote audit | Certificate expires |
| Site is not operating | Audit cannot take place and is due as soon as the site starts operating. Current certificate expires |
| Site refuses auditor without appropriate justification | Audit doesn’t take place and non conformity is issued for late audit |
| CB cannot provide appropriate auditor to undertake audit | Advise site to contact alternative CB to arrange. Concession will be issued so site is not penalised with non conformity for late audit |
| CB needs to change confirmed audit arrangements because auditor is affected by travel restrictions | Concession will be issued so site is not penalised with non conformity for late audit |
| The site is still not accessible 6 months after the remote audit | Normal concessions apply |
| The site originally had an unannounced site, how will this change? | The certificate based on the remote audit will carry the same grade and same type (announced/unannounced). The GMP second audit will be conducted in the same way as the last full audit |

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| Enter following text in Comment field |
| * Remote audit offered and declined due to Coronavirus or |
| * Physical audit offered and declined due to Coronavirus or |
| * Site no operational due to Coronavirus |