Whitepaper

TÜV NORD CERT – Certification to IFS Logistics 2.2

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IFS Logistics 2.2 is a Standard for auditing logistical services in relation to product safety and quality. During auditing to the IFS Logistics Standard, the TÜV NORD auditor establishes if the different components of the quality management and product safety systems of your company are documented, implemented, fulfilled and continually improved.

Target groups

IFS Logistics can be used for both food and non-food products. All logistical activities are covered, such as loading and unloading, storage and transport.

The standard can be applied to all types of transport:

- trucks, transporters
- trains
- ships
- aircraft
- all other means of transport (under controlled conditions or at ambient temperature)

Please note: Trading activities (purchase, selling etc.) are covered by IFS Broker.

Certification in the case of own trading activities

1. You as a logistics company undertake your own broker activities and would like to undergo combined certification to IFS Logistics/IFS Broker.

The certificate then states:
"The company also has broker services, which are IFS Broker certified"

IFS Logistics

2. You as a logistics company have your own broker activities, but do not have them certified to IFS Broker.

The certificate then states:
"The company also has broker services, which are not IFS Broker certified"

Scope

Non-food category	Food category
■ Household and personal care products (HPC) (cosmetics, household chemical products, daily housekeeping products, personal hygiene) ■ Packaging materials ■ Electric/electronic devices – household equipment (e.g. kitchen equipment, white goods) – entertainment electronics (e.g. television and hi-fi equipment, computers, telecommunication, cameras etc.) – light engineering, e.g. lamps, bulbs, contactors ■ Housekeeping goods which are not already included in the HPC scope (like porcelain, dishes, cutlery, pans etc.) ■ Textiles (clothing, underwear and shoes, leatherwear, bedclothes and tablecloths etc.) ■ Media products (newspapers, books, CDs and other sound storage media, computer games, software etc.) ■ Furniture ■ Tools and technical equipment (DIY) ■ Stationery/office materials ■ Toys ■ Plants and flowers ■ Gardening equipment ■ Others	■ Red and white meat, poultry and meat products ■ Fish and fish products ■ Eggs and egg products ■ Dairy products ■ Fruit and vegetables ■ Grain products, cereals, industrial bakery and pastry, confectionery, snacks ■ Combined products ■ Beverages ■ Oils and fats ■ Dry goods and other ingredients and supplements ■ Pet food

Non-food product groups which are excluded from the scope of IFS Logistics

- Resources – different conditions (solid, liquid and gas)
- Pharmaceutical products/medicines which are only available on prescription
- Explosive substances/munitions etc.
- Waste/litter

Applicability

Selected process activities

- Quality controls (e.g. receiving inspection)
- Cleaning of pallets and transport crates
- (Rapid) freezing (as a service)
- Thawing (as a service)

Inclusion of market developments

- Transport providers
- Service logistics
- Arrangement of transport

Requirements

The requirements of the standard are divided into six main sections.

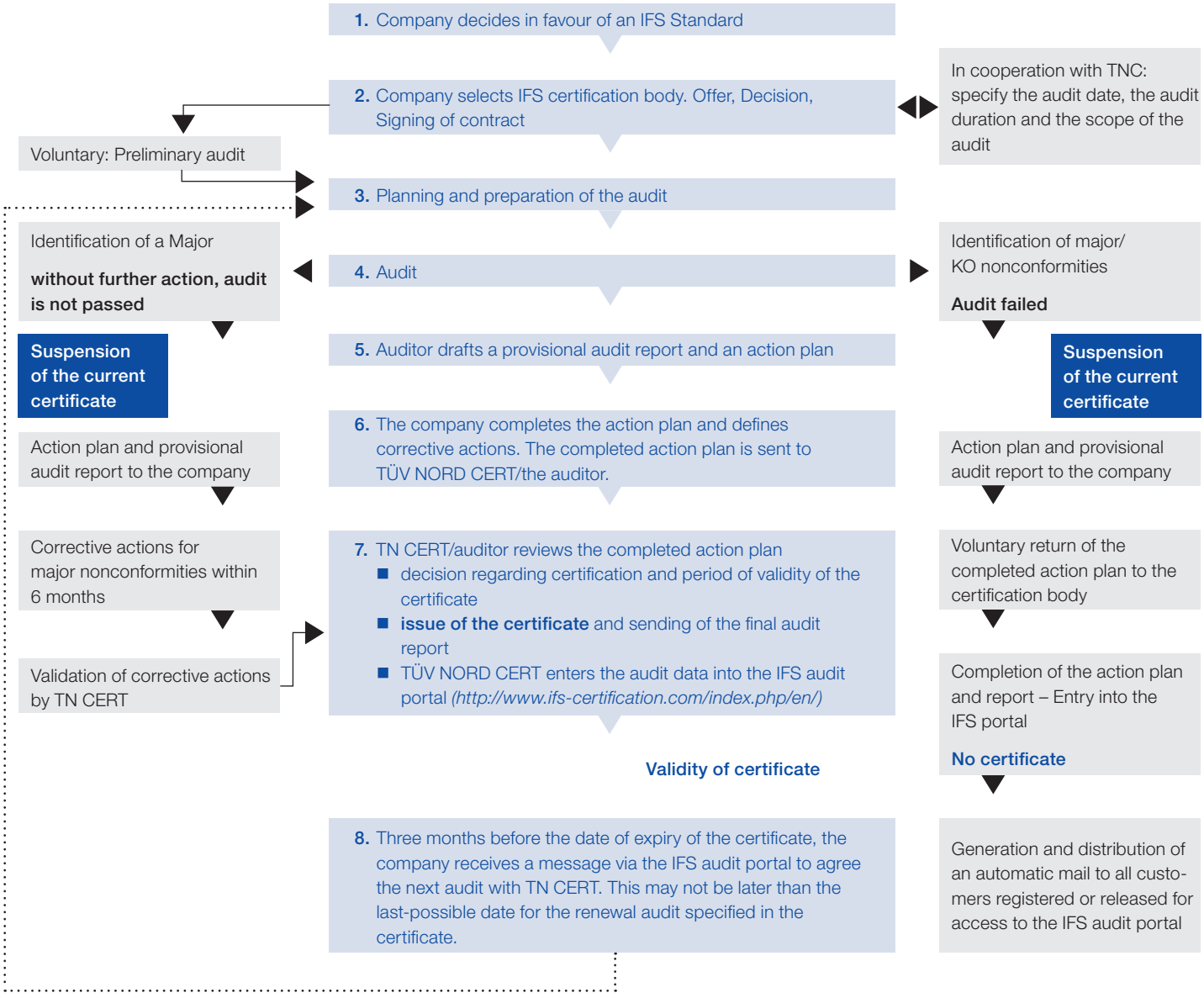
The auditor evaluates the type and significance of every deviation from these requirements. There are different evaluation grades for these deviations. All B, C and D evaluations are stated in the audit report.

Result	Explanation	Points
A	Full compliance	20
B (Deviation)	Almost full compliance	15
C (Deviation)	Only a small part of the requirement has been implemented	5
D (Deviation)	Requirement has not been implemented	-20

The auditor can evaluate non-compliance with a requirement as a KO (= knock out) or Major nonconformity.

A Major can be given with respect to all requirements which are not defined as KO, and this leads to a reduction of 15% from the possible overall number of points. In the IFS Standard, six requirements are defined as KOs. If the auditor establishes during an audit that one of the KO requirements is not fulfilled, no certificate can be issued.

Certification procedure



Type of certification

Certification to IFS Logistics can be in the form of individual or group certification. A group certification process is possible under certain circumstances – please see the rules for multi-sites: *https://www.ifs-certification.com/index.php/en/standards/265-ifs-logistics-en*

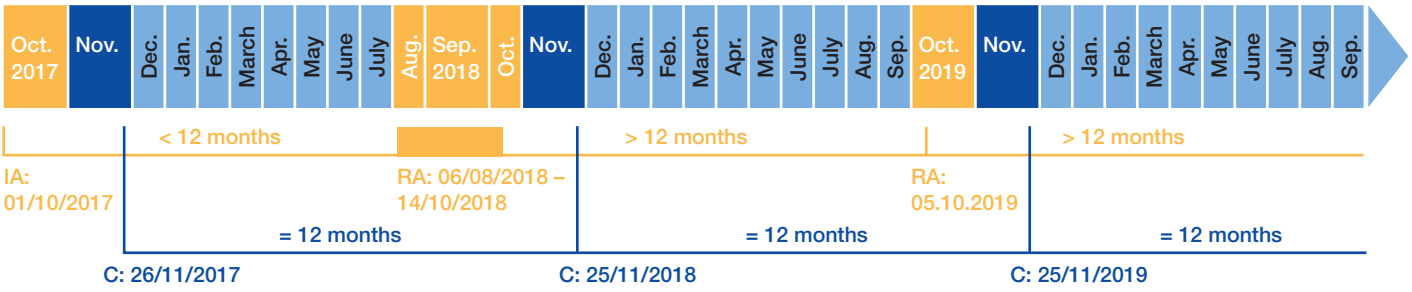
Certification cycle

Even if the date for the renewal audit changes each year, the date of validity of the certificate always remains the same. The duration of the validity of the certificate is determined as follows: Date of the initial audit + eight weeks.

Example

Date of the initial audit:	01 October 2017
Date of issue of the certificate:	26 November 2017
Certificate valid until:	25 November 2018
Time window of the renewal audit:	06 August to 14 October 2018
Certificate valid until:	25 November 2019
	(independent of the date of the renewal audit)

IA: Initial Audit, **RA:** Renewal Audit, **C:** Issue of the certificate, valid until



Unannounced audits

The company may register for unannounced audits. This is voluntary. The unannounced audit takes place in a time window of four months, calculated from the time point 16 weeks prior to the anniversary of the initial audit.

Further information

Further information and the IFS Standard itself are available at the IFS portal for downloading:

www.ifs-certification.com

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