

BRCGS Ethical Trade and Responsible Sourcing Global Standard Risk Assessment (BRCGS ETRS RA)

Today's consumers are increasingly eager for food to be produced and **traded under fair conditions**.

With a BRCGS Ethical Trade and Responsible Sourcing Global Standard Risk Assessment (BRCGS ETRS RA), companies in the relevant sectors can demonstrate that they meet these expectations. They can also use the assessment process to scrutinize their suppliers' sites, identify employee risks at the workplace and initiate important improvements. We offer you an ETRS RA both as a standalone service and in combination with other audits based on BRCGS standards. How are employees paid, how much influence do they have

and what are their working conditions from a health point of view? The answers to these and similar questions are rapidly increasing in importance.

It is therefore ever more essential for supply chain companies to provide evidence of fair working conditions. The ETRS RA is a valuable tool in this regard, providing you with a meaningful snapshot when you have specific locations assessed on the basis of the "5 vital signs".



What are the benefits of the ETRS Risk Assessment?

Depending on their own requirements and objectives, companies can benefit from a Risk Assessment in various ways:

- They can show consumers that fair working conditions prevail at their production sites.
- Risk Assessment is a good way to audit operations in your own supply chain. The time and expense involved is significantly lower compared to needing a comprehensive compliance audit from all suppliers.
- Resources can be saved through synergies – for example with a combined BRCGS Food Safety Audit.
- The BRCGS ETRS RA acts as an early warning system, helping to identify potential risks.
- Based on the assessment results, you can identify weak points and potentials for improvement, and establish whether a full compliance audit is subsequently needed.

The BRCGS ETRS RA can be performed separately from other standards and takes a maximum of 4 hours on site.

⚠ **Please note: BRCGS ETRS RA does not lead to certification as such. Rather, it is a **valuable inventory** which provides information about the status quo and potentials for improvement.**

What companies can benefit from a BRCGS ETRS RA?

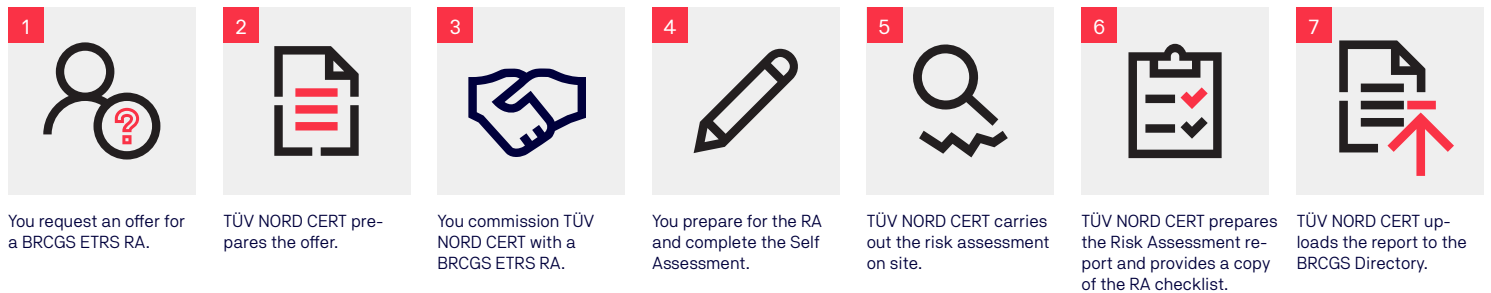
The BRCGS ETRS RA has been specially developed for production and secondary processing or packaging plants in the food sector, employment and recruitment service providers, pest control companies and cleaning services.

⚠ **Please note: In order to prepare for the assessment, we need the following information:**

- background information about the site (e.g., business model),
- a site plan with the entire building infrastructure,
- an organization chart showing the responsibilities of senior management.

The 7 steps to Risk Assessment

Your route to risk assessment according to BRCGS ETRS RA in 7 steps:



How does a BRCGS ETRS RA work?

During a ETRS Risk Assessment, the site is assessed against 5 “vital signs” based on the BRCGS Ethical Trading and Responsible Sourcing (BRCGS ETRS) standard:

1. Senior management is committed to the principles.
2. Workers are treated fairly and with respect.
3. The employees have a safe and healthy working environment.
4. Their human rights and freedoms are respected.
5. The business they work for behaves with integrity.

The result is recorded in a report that is uploaded to the BRCGS Directory within 42 days of the assessment. Among other things, it contains a Star Rating (on a scale of 1 to 5) and a detailed checklist with results for each vital sign. The report is not published and can only be viewed by the company that was subject to the assessment. However, this company can make it accessible to other stakeholders – for example, customers.

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