

TÜV NORD CERT – Certification to IFS HPC

The IFS HPC Standard (International Featured Standard – Household/Personal/Care) evaluates the **safety and quality of household and body care products**. It includes all relevant factors (products/processes) of suppliers and manufacturers. IFS HPC is used where products are “processed” or where there is a danger of product contamination during initial packaging.

This standard was developed through a cooperation of the HPC industry and trade as well as accredited certification bodies. Through concrete involvement of all market participants, it was possible to develop a customized evaluation standard. To consumers, a certification according to IFS HPC means that the respective products do not pose any safety or health risks.

Advantages

A certification to IFS HPC comes with decisive competitive advantages for companies:

Company level advantages:

- continuous monitoring of the adherence to health and safety rules
- Less need for customer audits
- Improved effectiveness through better resource utilization

Marketing advantages:

- Positioning as a manufacturer of high-quality and safe household and body care products
- Use of the IFS logo and certificate as proof of adherence to the highest standards

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Scope of Certification

The IFS HPC standard includes the following product areas:

- cosmetics, body care products with skin contact
- household chemicals
- household items and food packaging with food contact
- body hygiene products with skin contact

The core of this standard is a risk management system, which enables companies to prove that their products do not pose any dangers to consumers' health or safety.

IFS HPC includes most of the ISO 22716 requirements (GMP for cosmetics). Key areas of the IFS HPC audit are the evaluation of risk management, customer specifications, traceability and crisis management.

Product- and Technology-Scopes

Product Scopes	Manufacturing Processes	Packaging
Cosmetics		
1. skin care 2. skin cleaning 3. hair removal 4. bleach for body hair 5. deodorants, antiperspirants 6. shaving products 7. make-up 8. perfume 9. sun protection and self-tanner 10. hair and scalp care products 11. hair dying products 12. hair styling products 13. nail polish and nails polish remover 14. nail care 15. tooth care 16. mouthwas, mouth spray	■ cold and hot mixing processes ■ vacuum mixing ■ powder mixing ■ explosion-proof mixing ■ emulsification ■ homogenization ■ dispersing	■ filling ■ packing ■ sealing ■ heat-sealing ■ labeling
Household products (washing, care and cleaning products)		
1. laundry detergent 2. household cleaner 3. bathroom cleaner 4. leather care products 5. carpet cleaner 6. furniture care products 7. car care products 8. metal cleaner 9. softening agent 10. upholstery cleaner	■ cold- and hot mixing processes ■ vacuum mixing ■ powder mixing ■ explosion-proof mixing ■ emulsification ■ homogenization ■ dispersing	■ filling ■ packing ■ sealing ■ heat-sealing ■ labeling

Area of application 3:

Household items – materials in contact with food, that are sold directly to the end user (e.g., plastic forks/spoons, cups/plates, aluminum foil, sponges, garbage bags, etc.)

Area of application 4:

Hygiene products in contact with skin (e.g., razors, wipes, diapers, toothbrushes, floss, etc.)

Requirements

The standard includes 237 requirements, subdivided into six chapters.

The auditor evaluates the type and meaning of each deviation from these requirements, using different evaluation stages. The audit report explains all evaluations with B, C and D.

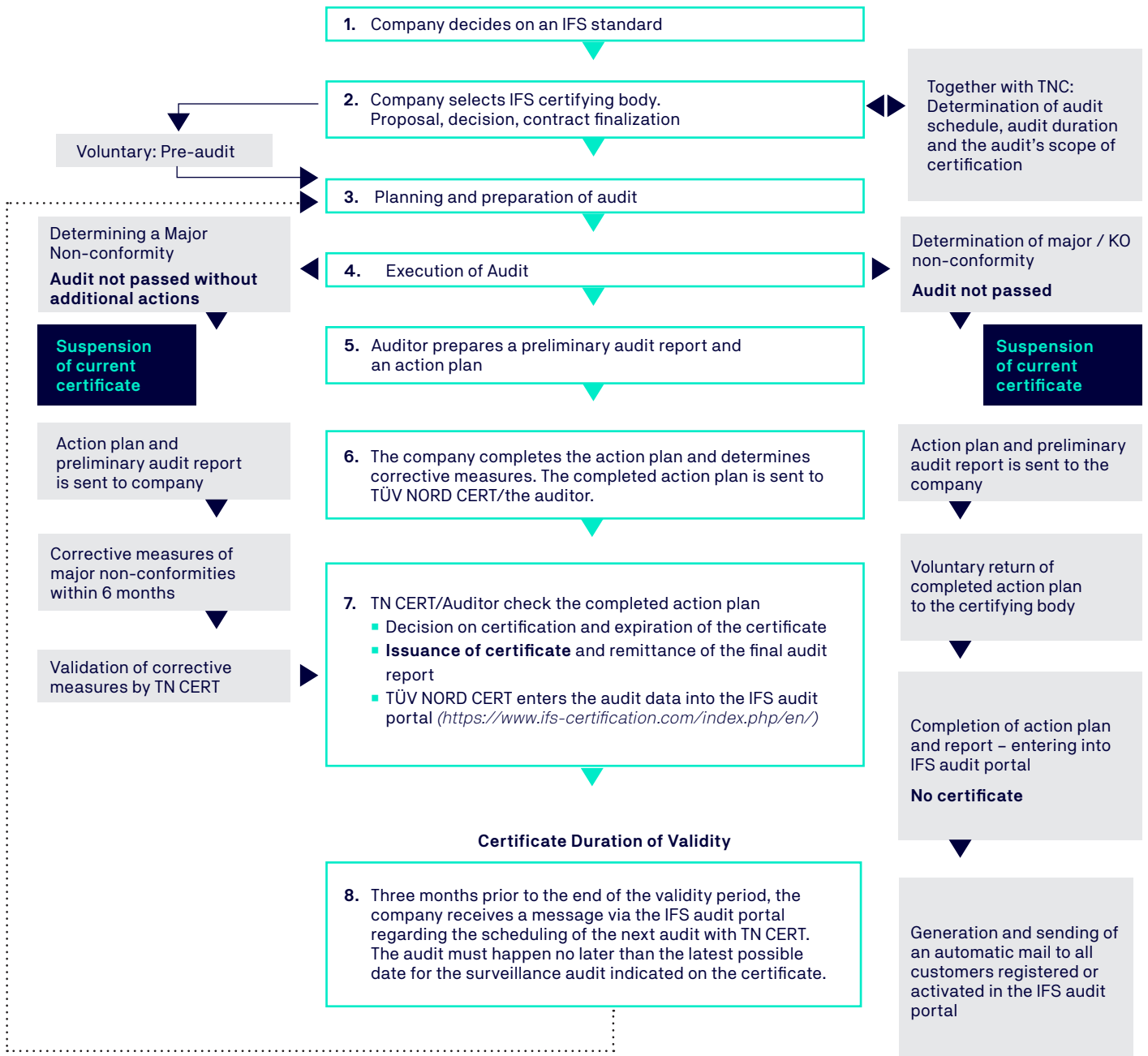
The auditor can rate the non-compliance with a requirement as a KO (= knock out) or as a major.

A major can be assigned to all requirements that have not been defined as a KO. This leads to a deduction of 15 percent from the possible total number of points. The IFS standard defines six requirements as KO requirements. If, during an audit, the auditor determines that one of the KO requirements have not been met, a certificate cannot be issued.

Result	Explanation	Points
A	full compliance	20
B (deviation)	almost full compliance	15
C (deviation)	only a small part of the requirements are implemented	5
D (deviation)	requirement not implemented	-20



Certification Process



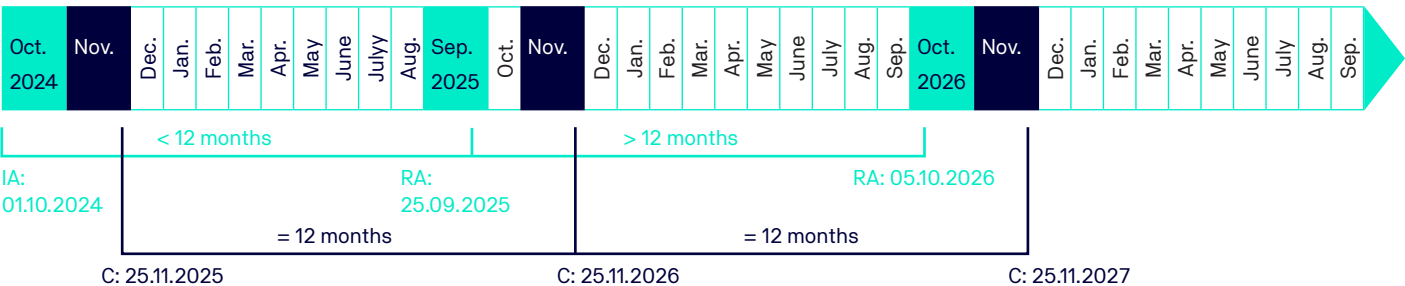
Certification Cycle

Even if the date of the monitoring audit changes every year, the expiration date of the certificate always remains the same. The expiration date of the certificate is determined as follows: date of the initial audit + eight weeks.

Example:

Date of initial audit: 01. October 2024
Date of issuing the certificate: 26. November 2024
Certificate valid until: 25. November 2025
Date of monitoring audit: 25. September 2025
Certificate valid until: 25. November 2026
(Independent from the date of the monitoring audit)

IA: initial audit, RA: monitoring audit, C: Issuing of certificate expiring in:



Additional Information

For more information on certifications for cosmetics manufacturers, please visit our website:



<https://www.tuev-nord.de/en/company/certification/cosmetics-and-householdproducts/>

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