BRCGS Global Standard for Food Safety i9, BRCGS Agents & Brokers i3, BRCGS Storage and Distribution i4 and BRCGS Packaging Materials i7

Public Stakeholder Consultation

Where to provide feedback:
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Before: 24 December 2026 at midnight CET

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GFSI Benchmark Assessment Report

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Application information

Assessment team and date

Certification programme Name(s)	BRCGS Global Standard for Food Safety i9, BRCGS Agents & Brokers i3, BRCGS Storage and Distribution i4 and BRCGS Packaging Materials i7
Certification programme owner name and address	80 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 5JL
Certification programme owner name, email, contact number	BRC Trading Ltd Samuel.Clegg@LGCGroup.com +44 7900 743 807
Date of previous application if applicable	
Benchmark Leader name and contact details	Emma Skouse
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Observers name	NA
Interpreter's name (if applicable)	NA
Date of this office assessment	10th November 2026
Language (e.g. English or other)	English

Scopes included in this application

GFSI Scopes		Scopes applied for
AI	Farming of Animals for Meat/ Milk/ Eggs/ Honey	
AII	Farming of Fish and Seafood	
BI	Farming of Plants (other than grains and pulses)	
BII	Farming of Grains and Pulses	
BIII	Pre-process Handling of plant products	
C0	Animal Conversion	
CI	Processing of perishable animal products	
CII	Processing of Plant Perishable Products	
CIII	Processing of Animal and Plant Perishable Products (Mixed Products)	
CIV	Processing of Ambient Stable Products	
D	Production of Feed	
E	Catering	
FI	Retail / Wholesale	
FII	Food Broker / Agent	
H	Provision of Food Safety Services	
G	Provision of Storage and Distribution Services	
I	Production of Food Packaging	
JI	Hygienic Design of Food Buildings and Processing Equipment (for building constructors and equipment manufacturers)	
JII	Hygienic Design of Food Buildings and Processing Equipment (for building and equipment users)	
K	Production of (Bio) Chemicals (Additives, Vitamins, Minerals, Bio-cultures, Flavourings, Enzymes and Processing aids)	

Executive summary and recommendation to the GFSI Steering Committee

Executive summary

Overview of the Assessment Process

BRCGS applied for recognition against the GFSI Benchmarking Requirements (BMR) Version 2024 for scopes BIII, C0, CI, CII, CIII, CIV, D, FII, G, I & K. The benchmarking process was conducted as an integrated assessment to ensure a seamless transition from v2020.1 to v2024.

The purpose of the GFSI assessment was to evaluate the BRCGS programmes (BRCGS Global Standard for Food Safety i9, BRCGS Agents & Brokers i3, BRCGS Storage and Distribution i4 and BRCGS Packaging Materials i7), issued by the CPO (owned by BRC Trading Ltd), in compliance with the GFSI Benchmarking Requirements 2024 version.

Desktop Review & Technical Verification

The benchmarking cycle commenced with a comprehensive preliminary Desktop Review of the BRCGS programmes (BRCGS Global Standard for Food Safety i9, BRCGS Agents & Brokers i3, BRCGS Storage and Distribution i4 and BRCGS Packaging Materials i7) and associated documentation, completed remotely by the BML (Benchmark Leader) Emma Skouse (ES) in August through October 2026, and was based on the review of the evidence provided by the Certification Programme Owner in the self-assessment excel files for GFSI part II and III to cover the scopes of recognition applied (BIII, C0, CI, CII, CIII, CIV, D, FII, G, I & K), ensuring that it contained sufficient objective evidence to proceed to the onsite assessment phase.

All findings raised, concerning the request for additional information, have been communicated in writing with the CPO. The assessment identified no (0) non-conformities during the office visit and those raised during the self-assessments were discussed during the Office Visit on 10th November 2026 and subsequently closed out during the office visit.

Office Visit and Findings

An Office Visit (OV) was conducted on 10th November by Benchmark Leader (ES).

No critical findings or other impeding factors were raised at this step, and the office assessment followed a predefined by a specific agenda (Office Assessment Plan). The office assessment was carried out in person and achieved the main purpose to verify the implementation and alignment of the new requirements and the Certification Programme Owner's Integrity

Programme through sampled record reviews.

Validation of Corrective Actions (10th November, 2026)

Following the Office Visit, there were no miss alignments identified; therefore the CPO will be recommended for Public consultation directly as no corrective actions are due. The GFSI Senior Technical Manager Karla Mijatovic (KM) will conduct a final technical validation of the information presented including the corrective actions closed for the desktop review and acknowledgement of no finding raised at the office visit on 11th November 2026.

Verification of Root Cause Analysis (RCA): not applicable, no findings were raised.

Validation of Evidence: not applicable, no findings were raised.

Final Approval: The Senior Technical Manager officially accepted the closure of all findings from the Self assessments and all documented review with no findings for the office visit, confirming that BRCGS is now in full conformity with BMR v2024 as of 11th November, 2026.

Conclusion

The benchmarking process encountered no significant complexities that would impede recognition. The Senior Technical Manager concludes that the assessment was transparent, evidence-based, and compliant with GFSI protocols. The report is now deemed validated for the 4-week public stakeholder consultation.

Recommendation to the GFSI Steering Committee

Results of assessment and office visit

Time and location details

	Location	People present GFSI, consultant, CPO. Names and roles	Date and time
Self-assessment review	remote	Emma Skouse (BML)	7 days completed 22/10/2026
Review calls	Online conference	Not required	
Office visit	80 Victoria Street London, SW1E 5JL	Sam Clegg Head of Quality Monica Pretlove Quality Assistant Gwenda Jarret Programmes Manager – Non food Anna Malek-Woznica Head of Certification Integrity Andrew Dalgleish – Packaging and Consumer Products	10/11/2026

Overview of Certification Programme

BRCGS (Brand Reputation through Compliance Global Standards) is a global safety and quality certification scheme used across food, packaging, storage, and distribution supply chains for 30 years, operating in 139 countries with nearly 40,000 certified sites globally. There are currently 3 standards which GFSI recognised against GFSI BMR v2020 - BRCGS Food Safety i9, Agents and Brokers i3, Storage & Distribution i4. BRCGS Packaging Materials i7 is undergoing recognition along with the other 3 standards against GFSI BMR v2024.

General compliance, strengths and weaknesses

BRCGS standards are reviewed at least every 3 years, or sooner if changes occur in industry, normative documents, legislation, etc. by technically competent internal and external representatives, who inform the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and then the Technical Working Group (TWG) is formed. The Scheme is governed by the independent TAC / TWG, who approves all changes or updates to the Scheme. Representatives listed on their website.

BRCGS has strong oversight of Certification Body activities through Certification Body office visits, comprehensive desktop reviews and discussion of Certification Body performance against specified Key Performance Indicators and witness audits of auditors.

The review of the self-assessment documents and corresponding submitted evidence was carried out by the Benchmark Leader during the office visit on 10th November 2026.

During the office visit, carried out in person, the Benchmark Leader interviewed the Certification Programme managers, reviewed documents, performance data and sampled certification records. The Integrity programme process was discussed and evaluated.

Changes made to the certification programme following the GFSI assessment

The CPO BRCGS, following the GFSI assessment, has supplied the corrective action plan containing the revised requirements.

The first corrective action plan was received on 21st August 2026 with evidence and the final corrective action plan with evidence was during the office visit on the 11th November 2026.

All standards are live and being audited against. BRCGS Packaging Materials i7 is the only standard not currently recognised by GFSI.

List of findings

Note: No Findings were raised at the Office Visit.

Element reference	Non-conformity	Partly / no	Corrective action	Recommendation from Benchmark Leader	Decision from GFSI Senior Technical Manager

Root Cause Analysis (RCA) Summary

No RCA necessary as there were no open findings following the office visit. Findings raised during the self-assessments were fully closed and verified at the Office visit. Assessment conducted at the Office visit on 10th November 2026 for the recognition of BRCGS Food Safety i9, Storage & Distribution i4, Agents & Brokers i3 and Packaging Materials i7, had no findings identified.

RESULTS OF THE PUBLIC STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

List of findings – public stakeholder consultation

GFSI Benchmarking Requirements version 2024		Stakeholder Consultation Comments	CPO Answer	Recommendation from Benchmark Leader	Decision from GFSI Technical Manager