

QS for Wholesalers

Fruit, Vegetables, Potatoes in the QS scheme (Status as of November 2023)

Every QS scheme participant delivers quality

QS is a quality assurance scheme for secure foodstuffs that involves all participants in the food supply chain – **from farm to shop**. It starts with the inspection of the crop and the harvest, goes via the wholesaler, the logistics company and if necessary, the preparation/processing company through to the fruit and vegetables counters in the retail store.

Only products that have been produced and marketed at all stages in accordance with QS requirements may be labeled with the QS certification mark.



Trustworthy

With a QS certificate you are able to demonstrate to your clients that your **commercialization processes have been inspected**. Special attention is paid to the self-assessment, traceability and hygiene. The implementation and adherence to the requirements is regularly controlled by certification bodies in an **independent inspection** at the location.

All QS scheme participants take part in the **QS residue monitoring**. It monitors whether maximum residue levels for plant protection products and limit values for contaminants and nitrate in fruit, vegetables and potatoes are complied with. It is further checked whether applied plant protection products are approved for the corresponding cultures.

How to participate

- Wholesale companies register themselves directly in QS database under www.q-s.de. Here you select a certification body, which should perform the independent inspection.
- Your company will be audited according to the standard Wholesale. There is a checklist developed specially for agencies.
- You also have the possibility to carry out the QS audit along with an IFS audit.
- After a successful certification you conclude a scheme agreement with QS and with this receive the approval for the QS scheme.

Guidelines, checklists and further information about QS under www.q-s.de.

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