

QS for Logistic companies

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 document **audited logistics processes** to your client. This is possible for logistics companies that transport fresh or processed fruit, vegetables or potatoes (road transport), load and unload them, store them and, if necessary, dispatch them.

The requirements for logistics companies can be found in the Fruit, Vegetables, Potatoes Logistics Guidelines. Implementation of and compliance with the requirements is regularly checked by certification bodies in an **independent inspection**.

How to participate

- As a logistics company, you can register directly via the QS database at www.q-s.de. Here you specify whether you would like to be certified according to the **QS Logistics standard** or whether you would like to participate via one of the following **recognitions**:
 - IFS Logistics, IFS Food, IFS Cash&Carry Wholesale
 - BRC Global Standard for Foods Safety/BRC Storage
 - GMP+ (Scope road transport, recognition applies exclusively to the transport of unpacked, loose potatoes and onions as bulk goods or as goods in large containers)
- If you participate via an approved certificate, your certification body enters the duration of the IFS/BRC/GMP+ certificate in the QS database. A separate QS audit is not required. If your certification body is not yet registered with QS, it must first contact QS.
- Your company will receive approval for the QS scheme as soon as an audit or a valid certificate period has been entered in the database.

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

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