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# BRCGS remote audits

Helping you manage risk. Today, tomorrow, and beyond.

In a world of fast-changing risk, we need more agile, responsive assurance solutions. Organizations can stay BRCGS compliant and mitigate the impact that restrictive access to sites could have with confidence, thanks to remote audits from LRQA.

This means you can still receive audits and accredited certification for a number of BRCGS's certification programs including Food, Packaging, Storage & Distribution, Consumer Products, Plant Based and ETRS without the need for your external auditor to visit you on-site.

Although the remote audit is not a GFSI benchmarked certificate, it is accredited and reduces the risk of reputational damage that could be caused by certification expiration. It also means you can continue to provide your customers with supplier assurance and trust in your organization. BRCGS allows remote audits for sites due an audit and an existing certificate extension.

#### **Giving you more options**

Remote audits give you more flexibility, while still receiving the same excellent technical knowledge from your LRQA food auditor.

Delivered by the same food safety specialists, in accordance with BRCGS criteria, our remote audits are thorough yet practical and deliver the value and outcomes you would expect from an on-site visit.

#### Making it work for you

Following a feasibility assessment, remote audits can take place at all existing certified sites that wish to prevent expiration. We can also potentially deliver certification to brand new sites after a review and concession from BRCGS.

Just like on-site audits, we assess your existing systems and processes against BRCGS Standard criteria, identifying any critical, high-risk or vulnerable areas to help you continually improve. In addition, BRCGS has also introduced blended audits. This is a permanent change implemented by BRCGS that can maximize the effectiveness of the time spent on-site.

Blended audits are an approved verification method of delivery and are available for companies with an existing certified site, and where access for an on-site audit is still available.

#### Keeping your data safe

Through a range of digital devices and secure platforms, remote audits maintain the high standards of on-site audits and can be co-witnessed by multiple stakeholders who can also interact with auditors via a live stream, offering further flexibility for your business and ensuring certification can be completed safely and securely.



#### Remaining BRCGS compliant brings opportunities

Maintaining BRCGS certification during challenging times demonstrates your commitment to food safety, your investment in continuous improvement, and sets you apart from your competitors.

At LRQA we understand that organizations are continually facing rising food safety standards, environmental and social customer demands, and tougher stakeholder and government requirements, all while feeling the impact of the pandemic.

That's why we help you focus on what matters to your organization by adding value through the right assurance services, to help your growth and profitability, and build confidence in your brand.

#### Why choose LRQA?

In a world of fast-changing risk, we need more agile, responsive assurance solutions. That's why LRQA is committed to being the leading digital assurance provider.

Remote auditing of your management systems offers more flexibility and less disruption, with no compromise on outcomes. Our global network of trusted experts connect with your site and team members remotely to deliver your audit – reducing your time, travel and impact on the environment.

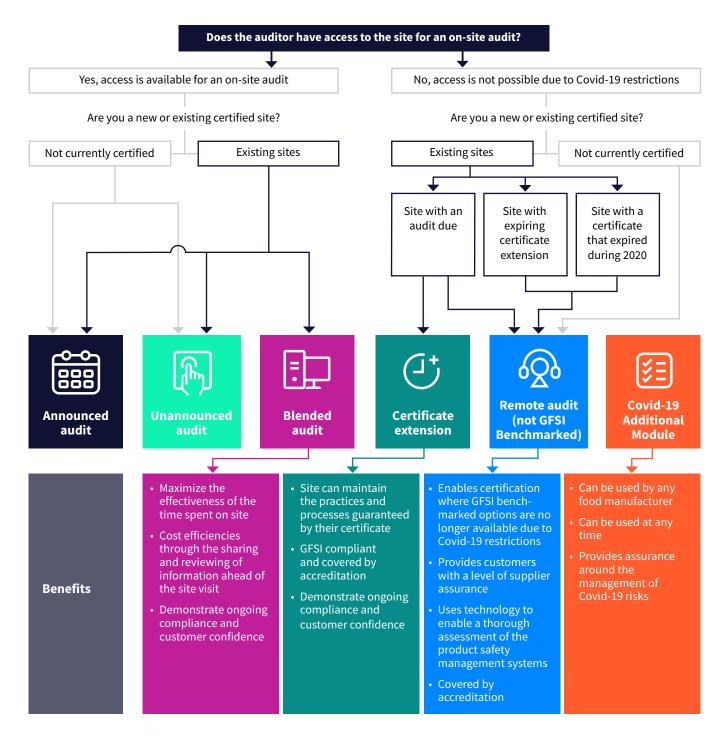
LRQA experts bring with them a clear understanding of your specific challenges and requirements – then deploy deep knowledge of compliance, brand assurance and everything in between to help you meet them. Working together with farms, fisheries, food manufacturers, restaurants, hotels and global retailers, we help manage food safety and sustainability risks throughout your supply chain and build credibility with stakeholders around the globe.

We have exceptionally high standards when it comes to the competence, qualifications and experience of our auditors and they are closely monitored by us and BRCGS, which ensures the audit standards are stringently maintained.

Find out more about LRQA's BRCGS services



## What are your audit options to maintain customer confidence?



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