

To the IFS Certification Bodies

Berlin, 17 June 2024

### Changes to the IFS Fee Schedule as of 01.01.2025

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Over the last 20 years, IFS has built up a network that now provides a solid basis for the demand for IFS Certification in economically challenging times. I would like to inform you that we have decided to implement updated upload fees starting on 1 January 2025. This adjustment is necessary to offset increasing costs and will enable us to continue investing in updating our standards, programs, services, and tools. Our commitment to supporting our stakeholders in excelling in their respective markets with IFS remains steadfast.

As you know, we have made significant investments in our IT infrastructure. Specifically, we have enhanced the IFS Database and IFS AXP Neo software to ensure better performance and reliability. Based on the positive feedback we have received from you, it is evident that these improvements have made it easier for you to work with our standards and programs, allowing for greater efficiency. In addition, we have expanded our e-learning options, and combined exam sessions and auditor training offers.

We will also continue to provide your customers, the certified companies, with various useful tools and materials in multiple languages at no extra cost. These offerings include the basic version of the IFS App, the AXP Neo software, guidelines, the pathway, and our risk management support package. Feel free to inform your customers about these benefits, which add value to their certification.

You can be confident that IFS Management GmbH will continuously work to strengthen its position as a premium company with robust standards and programs. We are committed to the highest level of innovation in technical compliance and IT to support your successful market operations.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and will be happy to answer your questions and suggestions.

Kind regards

Stephan Tromp Managing Director

Annex
The new IFS fee schedule no. 13

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### IFS Schedule of Fees No. 13

(Applicable as of 1st January 2025)

### 1. Charges per IFS Audit

The IFS fee applies to the following IFS Schemes: Food, HPC, PACsecure, Broker, Logistics and Wholesale / Cash & Carry. For each IFS Audit conducted in accordance with IFS, a sum of **EUR 575,00** plus the applicable value-added tax per establishment shall be payable to IFS Management GmbH, irrespective of the results. This amount is due for each business, even if the order was issued by a single business for several establishments.

## 2. Charges per IFS Progress Assessment

The IFS Fee applies to the following IFS Progress Programs; Food, HPC, PACSecure and Logistics as well as for other IFS Progress programs published after the publication of this IFS Fee Schedule. For each assessment conducted in accordance with the IFS Progress Program, a sum of **EUR 75,00** plus the applicable value-added tax per establishment shall be payable to IFS Management GmbH, irrespective of the results. This amount is due for each business, even if the order was issued by a single business for several establishments.

# 3. Charges per IFS Additional Module (Add-On Module)

For each additional module, e.g. IFS ESG check in combination with the Carbon Footprint module and/or other IFS Checks and Modules, which is carried out either individually or as an additional module in combination with the IFS Audit (No. 1 Fees for the IFS Standard Audit) or in combination with an IFS Progress Assessment (No. 2 Fees for the IFS Progress Assessment), EUR 295,00 plus the applicable VAT is payable to IFS Management GmbH. This amount is due for each company, even if the order was placed by one company for several branches.

## 4. Participation in the In-House Trainer the Trainer Seminars (TTT)

For each participant in the in-house trainer the trainer seminars, IFS Management GmbH charges the registered certification body **EUR 1.450,00** plus the applicable value-added tax. Travel and accommodation costs will not be covered and have to be financed by the participants themselves.

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## 5. Participation in the Auditor Examinations

For each participant in the initial auditor examinations, independent of whether the auditor is doing the exam for the first time or after losing his/her approval as an IFS Auditor, IFS Management GmbH charges the registered certification body **EUR 800,00** plus the applicable value-added tax. The fee will be charged even if the participant does not pass the examination.

If an auditor makes a 2<sup>nd</sup> or further attempt at the failed part of the main examination, a fee of **EUR 320,00** plus the applicable value-added tax will be charged for the respective examination (oral or written).

For all other Tech and Product Scope Exams as well as trainings, we refer to the attached IFS Course & Exam Fee Schedule.

Travel and accommodation costs will not be covered and have to be financed by the participants themselves.

### 6. Calibration Training

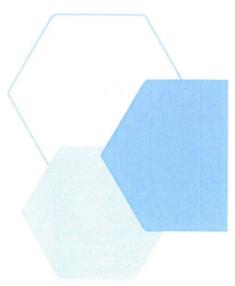
For each participant at the calibration training, which each IFS Auditor has to attend every two years to maintain his/her approval as an IFS auditor, IFS Management GmbH charges the registered certification body **EUR 1.450,00** plus the applicable value-added tax.

Travel and accommodation costs will not be covered and have to be financed by the participants themselves.

#### 7. GFSI-Fee

If the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) charges IFS Management GmbH a fee for each IFSCertificate issued, IFS Management GmbH will invoice the same fee to the certification body who issued this IFSCertificate.

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