

QAIC PACKAGING

A DIVISION OF QA INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION LTD



ABOUT QAIC PACKAGING

QAIC (Packaging) Ltd is a division of QA International Certification Ltd, and is located within the Organisation's Headquarters at Darlington, County Durham.



The 'Paper Division' of Coveris which incorporates 8 sites have worked with QAIC for several years, we have found they offer a helpful, friendly and professional service, all of the auditors are knowledgeable, professional and fair, I would highly recommend QAIC as a certification body.

David Smith, Supply Chain
Excellence Director (Paper)
Coveris UK

Certification to the various BRC Standards form a separate Sector Scheme amongst the many accredited and own branded certifications offered by QAICL. It is QAIC Packaging's responsibility to directly administer this scheme, and to service and manage the auditing of all companies seeking registration to the BRC and FSMS standards on behalf of the QAICL group.

QA International Certification Limited is an accredited certification body issuing internationally recognised accredited certificates to companies across a wide range of manufacturing and service industries confirming compliance with various national and international management standards. QAIC also issues non-accredited and own-brand certificates for schemes not subject to accreditation.

At QAIC (Packaging) we have a dedicated team of auditors drawn from years of experience within the Packaging and Storage & Distribution industries, so you have the confidence that the processes you operate to are fully understood by the people assessing you. You will also have a dedicated team working in the office to provide you with a quick turnaround on reports and certificates, with a specialist BRC Scheme Manager to assist with any potential queries or issues.

Why choose us?

As one of the first certification bodies to undertake audits against the BRC Packaging Standard, we are a well known, well respected company that works with major Blue Chip clients right down to small family run operations, and have been ranked as the number one certification body by the BRC in terms of numbers of Packaging certificates issued.



OUR HISTORY

The organisation that is now known globally as 'QA International Certification Limited', commenced in 1992, when founders Alan Carter and Alf Duffield combined their strengths, to establish what was always intended to be an 'International' Certification business.

The Directors believed in 'the value of certification' from the beginning. Carter with a Corporate Plc Board level background and extensive knowledge of Quality Assurance gained from the Ministry of Defence (AQAP) and Nuclear Industries, and Duffield as a past Commercial Director with 'Vickers Defence', and who was still reeling from the 'Oil Crash' of the 80's, as past Chairman and founder of ITM Offshore, a Company that became a major Teesside employer.

The ten-year period between 1992 and 2002 heralded in many of the overseas partners that QAICL still has in its International network of offices today, and also saw the transition of its accreditation provider, from the quasi-civil service of NACCB, to the non-profit-distributing UKAS, whose role is now enshrined within law as the UK's approved accreditation provider. QAICL's structure also includes QAIC (Packaging) Ltd incorporating the previous IHC Ltd as share-holding partner and a newly launched Training Division.

As a forerunner to the establishment of QAIC (Packaging) Ltd and before BRC had conceived its own Certification Standards, QAICL provided assessment and registration to its own Standards for Packaging and Hygiene, under codex alimentarius. This was administered through a

specialist and very well respected Technical Audit Management Company 'IHC Ltd', founded by Peter Ainsworth and Brian Fowler and which originally provided assessment services to The Royal Society of Health. The partnership continues to this day, whereby QAICL and IHC staff combine over 80 Years of Codex - Food Safety and hygiene, knowledge & experience, which is reflected in the day to day management and operations of QAIC (Packaging) Ltd.

QAIC (Packaging) Ltd is now headed up by John Hartley, one of its Directors and owners.

Increasing in numbers of staff year on year for the past five years, its customer base continues to grow, and partnerships with some major blue-chip companies have helped to develop the company into one of the leading certification providers in the Packaging and Storage & Distribution industry.

QA International Certification Limited reaches its 25th Anniversary in the month of October 2017, the Directors are currently working on a medium to long term plan to restructure the business so that it will be in a good position for what they hope will be the next twenty-five years. To underpin this aspect, the Directors have an eye on the Company's future and its 'continuity management', through the employment of the next generation of Carters and Duffields in order that the families may carry on the business where the founders left off!

PACKAGING STANDARDS

The largest sector that QAIC (Packaging) Ltd work in is auditing against the BRC Global Standard for Packaging and Packaging Materials.

Issue 5 of the Global Standard for Packaging and Packaging Materials (the Standard) was released in July 2015, and has been audited from 1st January, 2016. Originally developed and published in 2001, it was designed to protect the consumer by providing a common basis for the certification of companies supplying packaging to food producers. The Standard has been updated at regular intervals since to reflect the latest thinking in product safety, and has now attained usage worldwide.



Benefits

Adoption of the Standard leads to a number of benefits for packaging and packaging materials manufacturing businesses.

- The Standard is internationally recognised, GFSI-benchmarked and provides a report and certification that can be accepted by customers in place of their own audits, thereby reducing time and cost
- It provides a single standard and protocol that governs an accredited audit by third-party certification bodies, allowing a credible independent assessment of a company's product safety and quality systems
- It enables certificated companies to appear in the publicly available part of the BRC Global Standards Directory, allowing recognition of their achievements and use of a logo for marketing purposes
- It is comprehensive in scope, covering areas of quality, legality and product safety
- It addresses part of the legislative requirements of the packaging manufacturer/supplier, packer/filler and retailer. Packaging manufacturers may also use this Standard to ensure their suppliers are following good manufacturing practices and are fulfilling legal requirements
- It enables companies to ensure their suppliers are following good practice in product safety
- It provides a framework for the development of quality and hygiene management systems in companies, encouraging continuous improvement, reduction in waste and increased efficiency
- It provides a range of audit options, including announced and unannounced audit programmes. These will not only satisfy customer demands, but also enable companies to demonstrate compliance through a process which best suits their operation and the maturity of their product safety and quality management systems
- It is part of a scheme offering an array of training, education and technical support.





The Standard is for manufacturers of packaging and packaging materials for food and non-food applications.

The Standard now provides a framework for all types of packaging manufacturers to assist them in the production of safe packaging materials and to manage product quality to meet customers' requirements. Certification against the Standard is recognised by many brand owners, retailers, food service companies and manufacturers around the world when assessing the capabilities of their suppliers. In response to demand, the Standard has been translated into many languages to facilitate implementation by packaging materials companies across the world.

The Standard has been developed to specify the product safety, quality and operational criteria that must be in place within a packaging manufacturing organisation in order for it to fulfil its obligations with regard to legal compliance and protection of the consumer. The format is designed to allow a company's premises, operational systems and procedures to be assessed against the requirements of the Standard.

How it works

If you would like to arrange for a Gap Analysis of your site, then contact us at admin@qai.co.uk

We would send one of our highly trained auditors to carry out a pre-assessment visit, which would give you an action list of areas that are not compliant and that would need to improve before a full certification visit could be undertaken.

Following a successful certification audit, and once any non conformances were satisfactorily cleared, you would then be registered with the BRC on their global Directory, allowing suppliers and customers to see that you are a BRC registered company.



The standard of auditing in terms of the approach and documentation, as well as the knowledge of the individual auditors, has always been a differentiator between QAIC and its competitors.

**David Parsons, Operations Manager
Multi-Color Labels Daventry**

STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION

In 2006 the BRC introduced the Global Standard for Storage and Distribution to compliment the suite of Global Standards covering the production of food, packaging and consumer products.

Malcolm Logistics has worked closely with QAIC Packaging as we strive to achieve BRC certification across all UK sites by October 2017.

Adoption, use and certification to the Standard provide a number of benefits in terms of the operation of the business, customers and marketing. This Standard allows the chain of product certification to be completed, from primary processor to manufacturer, and from manufacturer to retailer (or food service company in the case of food).

Benefits

- It is an internationally recognised Standard which provides a report and certification that can be accepted by customers in place of their own audits – reducing time and cost.
- The comprehensive scope, covering areas of quality, hygiene and product safety, provides a benchmark for best practice in storage and distribution industries.
- When effectively adopted it can reduce damage, waste and therefore, costs to the business.
- It forms the basis for accredited audits providing greater credibility and recognition when certification is achieved.
- Certificated sites may appear on the BRC public directory allowing recognition of their achievements and the use of a logo for marketing purposes.
- It addresses part of the 'due diligence' requirements of both the certificated company and the customers using their service.
- Ongoing surveillance and follow-up corrective actions, after an audit, help to ensure that a self-improving quality, hygiene and product safety system is established.



We have found them to be very professional in their approach & business manner and would have no hesitation in recommending QAIC Packaging.

Freddy Solomon, Director of Warehouse Operations & Business Development North Malcolm Logistics



TRAINING

Whilst the main core of our operations relates to BRC Global Standards Audits, we work very closely with our auditors to provide up to date and relevant training courses that are tailored to our clients.

We also work alongside the QAICL Head Office to ensure that we can also offer a range of other standards as part of our “multi-standard initiative” to help reduce audit time and costs when sites have various different certifications to reach.

Training is a vital part of any companies success, as it helps drive up standards and quality, and we specifically work towards industry related courses that have an impact on improving your audit results.

Full details can be found on our website, but some of the courses we run, either in-house or as public courses, are as follows:

- Hazard and Risk Management
- BRC Internal Auditor Training
- BRC Global Standard for Packaging & Packaging Materials – Understanding the Requirements

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We can also help you with:

- ISO 9001
- ISO 14001
- OHSAS 18001
- PS9000
- ISO 15593
- ISO 15378
- ISO 22000
- Organic Certification
- HACCP Certification
- Chain of Custody Certification

Please click the link here for further details:

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