

Subject: Acceptance Letter for Orkla Food Ingredients Česko s.r.o.

Dear Customer of Orkla Food Ingredients Česko s.r.o.,

With the aim of establishing, maintaining, and continuously improving our internal quality and food safety management system, our company has been certified according to the IFS Logistics standard since 2014.

At the beginning of this year, significant changes were implemented in our company's operational structure. As a result, the logistics process has been fully outsourced to an external service provider, which is likewise certified in accordance with the IFS Logistics standard requirements.

To ensure that we continue to operate a verified system for food quality and safety management — including a certified supply chain — we have decided to pursue certification of our current processes under the IFS Broker standard.

One of the key elements of the IFS Broker standard is the requirement to maintain a certified supply chain, as outlined in Section 4.4.4 of the standard:

4.4.4 The supplier of the product shall be certified against IFS Standard or any other GFSI recognized Standard covering the respective scope of activity.
Exceptions can only be made if the customer is expressly accepting other conditions.

Orkla Food Ingredients Česko s.r.o. fully acknowledges the importance of this requirement. However, in certain cases, it may be necessary to engage a non-certified supplier (either a distributor or a manufacturer). In such cases, we follow Orkla's internal guidelines for supplier selection, onboarding, and approval, including registration in the Orkla Supplier Portal.

All suppliers are approved at the production site level, based on valid GFSI certifications, achieved compliance levels, self-assessment questionnaires, or on-site audits. Suppliers are evaluated annually according to predefined criteria.

In line with the above-mentioned Section 4.4.4, not only manufacturers but also distributors are expected to hold GFSI-recognised certificates (such as IFS Broker or BRC Agent & Broker). However, traders and brokers are frequently not certified. In such cases, our company guarantees that the respective manufacturers from whom the goods are sourced have been approved in accordance with Orkla's internal procedures via the Orkla Supplier Portal.

By ordering and accepting goods from Orkla Food Ingredients Česko s.r.o.,
you are agreeing to the above exception.

Thank you for your cooperation!

With kind regards,
Emilia Kohnová
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