



# BRC/ORGANIC ACCREDITATION ASSISTANCE

**Food Business Assistance** can provide comprehensive assistance for food businesses wishing to achieve or regain BRC or Organic accreditation.

Local support that you can trust; practical assistance that works.

Achieving British Retail Consortium (BRC) accreditation is a key element in developing and maintaining business with the major UK retailers and their suppliers. BRC or EFSIS accreditation is the bench mark for quality within the UK food industry throughout the supply chain; many manufacturers themselves look for BRC accreditation from their suppliers. Companies with BRC Grade A or B can approach the retail market with confidence in their quality and control systems. Assistance is provided by food industry professionals with extensive experience of achieving BRC accreditation across a wide range of products, process and factories.

The growth in the organic market has led many businesses to offer an organic range. The careful and considered management of organic production is essential to meet the standards required. Consumers now trust and look for organic accreditation as a guarantee of the status. The audit process is designed to protect that reputation.

FBA can provide assistance in the BRC or Organic process from completely managing the project for you to simply explaining what the process entails. With FBA involved your ability to 'pass' the audit is greatly improved.

## CONTRACT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Many small companies can avoid the expense of a full time experienced technical manager by contracting FBA to provide technical support and backup as required. The BRC and Organic standards require a food manufacturer to have available to it qualified technical support. This support does not have to be a full time employee but can be a contracted professional organisation. FBA can provide that support on either a retained contract or a project fee basis.

## SPECIFIC PROCESS ASSISTANCE

FBA can help with all or any part of the accreditation process that you wish.

### MANAGEMENT OF THE BRC OR ORGANIC PROJECT

Managing the entire BRC/Organic audit process from initial plan to final audit. This includes implementing or improving the systems. Ensuring the pre-requisites are in place. Managing corrective actions and finally managing the audit day.

### INTRODUCTION TO THE BRC PROCESS AND DEVELOPING AN ACTION PLAN

Explaining, in detail, the BRC/Organic accreditation and audit process. Developing an action plan with you for you to work through. Introducing you to the detail and complexities of the recording systems and pre-requisites required by the accreditation body. Helping you identify a suitable Accreditation Body to approach for auditing.

### PRE AUDITING OF THE SYSTEMS.

To carry out a pre-audit of your operation prior to inviting the Accreditation Body to carry out the official audit. An FBA pre audit is a more in depth and more thorough inspection of your operation and systems than you can expect on the 'real' event. However a thorough pre-audit will identify issues and problems giving you time to correct them.

A pre-audit is design to make the 'real' audit a less stressful event.

### MANAGEMENT OF CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

Having identified an action plan in order to prepare for the audit FBA can help manage that plan and corrective actions. Making sure the systems are properly implemented, maintained and audited.

Making sure that the standard pre-requisites are in place. Making sure the hygiene procedures and fabric are of the right standard.