



Quality Assurance. **From farm to shop.**

QS for Logistic companies

Fruit, Vegetables, Potatoes in the QS Scheme (Status as of January 2017)

Every QS scheme participant delivers quality

QS is a quality assurance scheme for secure foodstuffs that involves all participants in the food supply chain – **from farm to shop**. It starts with the inspection of the crop and the harvest, goes via the wholesaler and the transport company through to the fruit and vegetable counters in the retail store.

Only foodstuffs inspected according to the QS requirements on all stages are allowed to carry the QS certification mark.



Trustworthy

With a QS certificate you are able to demonstrate to your clients that your **logistics processes have been inspected**. This is possible for logistic companies transporting (street transport), loading and unloading as well as storing (short-term) fresh, prepared or processed fruit, vegetables or potatoes.

The requirements for logistic companies are integrated in Part B of the Guideline „Wholesale/Logistics Fruit, Vegetables, Potatoes. The implementation and adherence to the requirements is regularly controlled by certification bodies in an **independent inspection** at the location.

How to participate

- Logistic companies register themselves directly in QS Database under www.q-s.de. Here you can choose a certification body, with whom you sign a declaration of participation.
- You can choose if you would like to be audited according to the **QS Standard Wholesale/Logistics** or if you participate on basis of your **IFS Logistics** certificate.
- If you already have a valid IFS Logistics certificate, you can participate in the QS System without further certification. Your certification body is responsible of the entry of the IFS certificate runtime. If the certification body is not QS approved, the certification body has to contact QS first to conclude an agreement with QS.



Find our guidelines, checklists and more information about QS under www.q-s.de.

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