

## Declaration of Participation

### Logistics Companies Fruit, Vegetables, Potatoes

#### Company Master Data

**Business/Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Country/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Forename and family name of **legal representative:** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (landline and/or mobile): \_\_\_\_\_

Telefax/email: \_\_\_\_\_

The QS Qualität und Sicherheit GmbH and the QS Fachgesellschaft Obst-Gemüse-Kartoffeln („QS“) are scheme owner and vehicle of *QS. Quality Scheme for Food*. („QS scheme“) that covers all stages of the supply chain. The standards defined by the scheme owner set forth stringent, verifiable production and marketing criteria for all stages of the supply chain – from the grower to the wholesaler to the food retail.

Transport, storage and order picking of fruit, vegetables and potatoes are taken over by third parties on behalf of the QS scheme participants. QS defined requirements for transport and storage processes in the guideline Logistics Fruit, Vegetables, Potatoes. In order to avoid double certificates, QS recognized the standards *IFS Logistics, IFS Food, IFS Cash&Carry/Wholesale, BRC Storage & Distribution, BRC Food Safety* as equivalent standards to the QS standard *QS Logistics Fruit, Vegetables, Potatoes*. Additionally, companies with a certification according to the *QS Guideline Feed Sector* (production scope road transport) or to *GMP+* (scope road transport) can be commissioned for the transport of unpacked, loose potatoes and onions as bulk goods/goods in bulk bins.

On these premises, I declare on basis of a certification against the standard

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>QS Logistics Fruit, Vegetables, Potatoes</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>IFS Logistics</i>               | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>IFS Cash&amp;Carry/Wholesale</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>IFS Food</i>                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>GMP+ (scope road transport)</i> |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>BRC Storage &amp; Distribution</i>           | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>BRC Food Safety</i>             |  |

(please tick one option,

**Note:** *not relevant for QS certified feed carriers that are already registered in the QS database*)

the participation in the QS scheme. By signing and the acceptance of this declaration of participation by the commissioned and for the QS scheme approved/registered certification body

Name of the certification body: \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Country/State: \_\_\_\_\_

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my company receives the approval for logistics fruit, vegetables, potatoes in the QS scheme.

By signing this declaration of participation, I commit myself

1. to register my company in the QS database at the stage wholesale/logistics (production scope logistics) and to enter all relevant master data required for the participation in the QS scheme into the QS database and to keep them up to date. I will inform the certification body in a timely manner about changes of the master data as well as essential changes of the methods and procedures used within the company.
2. to comply with the requirements of the selected/certified standard, to rectify the deficits detected during the audit or in another way and to implement the corrective measures agreed with the certification body within the agreed deadline. This obligation applies to all registered sites/locations. I am aware that the standard *IFS Logistics, IFS Food, IFS Cash&Carry/Wholesale, BRC Storage & Distribution, BRC Food and GMP+* are recognized as equivalent by QS in their latest version at the time of submission of this declaration. I am aware that
  - 2.1. QS can withdraw the recognition of the standards *IFS Logistics/IFS Food/IFS Cash&Carry/Wholesale/ BRC Storage & Distribution/BRC Food Safety/GMP+* at any time; by the withdrawal, the approval for logistics fruit, vegetables, potatoes in the QS scheme will be omitted.
  - 2.2. for
    - the regularly transport of QS goods (fruit, vegetables, potatoes) between QS scheme participants on the stage wholesale and/or preparation/processing,
    - the storage and (if necessary) the order picking of QS goods (fruit, vegetables and potatoes)
      - only third parties may be commissioned (subcontracting) that are registered in the QS database and eligibility to deliver as shown in table 1.

Table 1: Overview about the registrations in the QS database and the approved logistics processes

Registered and approved production scope (No) in the QS database	Approved certification schemes	Approved Logistics Processes
Logistics Fruit, Vegetables, Potatoes (84)	QS IFS Logistics IFS Food IFS Cash&Carry/Wholesale BRC Storage & Distribution BRC Food Safety	Transport, Storage, Order Picking of Fruit, Vegetables, Potatoes
	GMP+	Transport of unpacked, loose Potatoes and Onions as Bulk Goods/Goods in Bulk Bins
Wholesale and Preparation/Processing Fruit, Vegetables, Potatoes (81, 82 or 85)	QS	Transport, Storage, Order Picking of Fruit, Vegetables, Potatoes (for own Products as well as on Behalf of Third Parties)
Road Transport (feed sector) (78)	QS	Transport of unpacked, loose Potatoes and Onions as Bulk Goods/Goods in Bulk Bins

- 2.3 Feed carriers with a certification according to the *QS Guideline Feed Sector (production scope road transport)* or to *GMP+ (scope road transport)* that are registered in the QS database as shown in table 1 can **only** be commissioned for the transport of unpacked, loose potatoes and onions as bulk goods/goods in bulk bins.
- 2.4 all on **short-term or once-only commissioned** subcontractors that carry out the **transport** of QS goods (fruit, vegetables, potatoes) between QS scheme participants on the stage whole-sale and/or preparation/processing have to comply with QS-requirements (guideline logistics 2.3, 3, 5), if they don't participate in the QS-scheme. The implementation of the requirements at the subcontractors needs to be ensured on the basis of documentary evidence and random sample checks during self-assessment.
3. to pay the costs for the participation in the QS scheme with a payment of annual fees according to the scale of fees of the certification body. I am aware that the certification body pays system fees for the participation of our company to QS according to the current QS scale of fees.
4. to immediately inform QS, if the participation of our company in the QS scheme should be dissolved and this agreement is withdrawn.
5. to use the QS certification mark only in adherence with the style guide of the QS scheme manual. I am aware that drafts of printed media or screenshots of the online communication need to be submitted to QS for examination and approval before usage.
6. to allow announced or unannounced controls in my company at any time and the inspection of required documents by QS approved certification bodies, a QS employee or a third person commissioned by QS.
7. in the event of an incident or crisis, I have to provide the relevant audit reports via our commissioned certification body to QS, if the audit reports are not already deposited in the QS database.

I agree that personal and business-related data of my company is collected for the purposes of quality assurance within the QS scheme and that this data is stored in the QS scheme databases, processed and used by QS. QS is entitled to publish my participation in the QS scheme and the status of my delivery eligibility in the QS scheme. The data relating to my company may only be used by coordinators or other scheme participants, as well as by other service providers within the QS scheme (such as certification bodies) to the extent required for them to fulfil their tasks relating to quality assurance in the QS scheme. I can agree to further usage, beyond the scope defined in the QS scheme manual by making an appropriate declaration vis-a-vis my certification body. My certification body commits itself to pass this declaration to QS.

I am aware that I can view the data stored and processed within the QS databases at any time and demand deletion of said data at any time and revoke any rights to use, publish and distribute said data at any time by means of declaration vis-a-vis my certification body.

I am also aware that the rights granted to use, publish and distribute my data are the basis of my participation in the QS scheme. If I revoke my declaration of consent or demand the deletion of my data - the usage, publication and sharing of which are required for my participation in the QS scheme - my participation in the QS scheme shall end immediately.

My personal and business-related data may not be passed to third parties above and beyond the aforementioned rights of usage, publication and distribution, nor may they be used for purposes other than quality assurance within the QS scheme, unless I have expressly agreed to the distribution thereof to third parties or usage thereof for other purposes.

This declaration comes into effect with its signing. It can be terminated by either party to it in writing by the third day of a quarter with a notice period to the end of the quarter. In case that my company expands its field of activity in the QS scheme above the in the QS standard Logistics fruit, vegetables, potatoes mentioned activities (for example trading goods, processing or similar) and concludes a scheme

agreement with QS about the participation in the QS scheme, this declaration of participation can be immediately terminated without any further notification period. The right of extraordinary termination for an important reason (e.g. legal succession, infringements of QS conditions, decision about blocking) is not otherwise affected by this.

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Place, Date

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Logistics Company  
(Signature of Legal Representative, Stamp)

We confirm the acceptance of the declaration of participation.

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Place, Date

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Certification Body (Signature, Stamp)