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	PJR FSI Food Safety, Inc.	**BRCGS Global Standard for Packaging and Packaging Materials, Issue 5**	**SQF Category 27areas of Edition 8**	**FSSC Category I Version 4.1**
1	Scope of Standard	Wide range (prior operation - conversion or printing; additional processing or re-packing; consumer disposable goods that come in contact with food; packaging materials for cosmetics, toiletries and other consumer products)	Covers only those packaging materials and packaging products that come in contact with food.	Covers only those packaging materials and packaging products that come in contact with food.
2	Focus	Product safety, quality and operational criteria	Only product safety (SQF Code for Manufacture of Food Packaging) and product safety and quality (SQF Quality Code)	Only product safety
3	Packaging Materials	The Packaging Standard identifies five areas of product type/field: 1. Glass Manufacture and forming 2. Papermaking and conversion 3. Metal forming 4. Rigid plastics forming 5. Flexible plastics manufacture 6. Other manufacturing 7. Print processes 8. Chemical processes The fields are used to ensure that an auditor with the correct expertise audits the site.	Five areas of product type/field: 1. Glass 2. Paper 3. Metals 4. Plastics 5. Wood and other materials However, the field of specialization of auditors and the requirement of auditors to have expertise in the fields are not explicit and strictly enforced.	The Packaging Standard identifies five areas of product type/field: 1. Glass 2. Paper 3. Metals 4. Plastics 5. Wood and other materials The fields are used to ensure that an auditor with the correct expertise audits the site.
4	Risk Categorization of Standard	Defines 2 product hygiene risk categories (high hygiene risk category for packaging intended to come into direct contact with high risk products; low hygiene risk category is for packaging used for non-food primary packaging, such as consumer products, and secondary and tertiary packaging for all uses)	Intended for primary packaging materials.	Intended for primary packaging materials.
5	Number of Audit Stages	Single stage audit	Two stage audit	Two stage audit

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6	Audit Duration	Typically 1.5 days	Typically 1.0 day for document review and 1.5-2.0 days for the facility audit	Varies; Typically 1.0 day for stage 1 and 1.5-2.0 days for stage 2 audit
7	Audit Grade	Three grades, A, B and C depending on level and number of non-conformities	Graded; Complaint (C), Good (G) and Excellent (E) depending on level and number of nonconformities	Not graded.
8	Benefits of the Standard	• Standalone Standard • Developed for Packaging, by Packaging • Quality as well as safety and hygiene (print, process control) • Mature and well established – 2000 sites; consistent growth • Crossover with ISO standards	• Vertically integrated • Crossover with ISO standards	• Vertically integrated
9	Standard Structure	Product safety, quality and legality requirements integrated into one standard under the following sections, • Senior Management Commitment and Continual Improvement • Hazard and Risk Management System • Product Safety and Quality Management System • Site Standards • Product and Process Control • Personnel	SQF Code for Manufacture of Food Packaging Module 2: Management system related requirements Module 13: Pre-requisite program requirements	ISO 22000: Management system related requirements. ISO 22002-4:2013: Pre-requisite program requirements.
10	Accreditation	ISO 17065 Scheme	ISO 17065 Scheme	ISO 17021 Scheme