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## IFFO RS Standard – updated versions published 18th July 2018

Transitional support for marine ingredient producing plants comparing IFFO RS V1.6 to the new IFFO RS V2.0 Standards

### About this document

This document is intended to help all marine ingredients factories certified under the IFFO RS Version 1.6 Standard and auditors to understand how the revised IFFO RS Version 2.0 Standard will affect your business and the transition and audit process. This document compares the Version 1.6 of the IFFO RS Standard (published June 2014) against the new Version 2.0 (published July 18<sup>th</sup> 2017) and contains information on what to do next. All new applicants will be audited against the new IFFO RS Version 2.0 Standard.

### What is new or has changed?

IFFO RS has made a number of changes and additions to the existing Standard (Version 1.6) that will affect all certificate holders:

1. Modified and removed clauses to the factory audit criteria. This information is detailed in [Table 1](#).
2. Addition of new clauses, and whole sections (3.2 Factories without certification to GMP+ or to an approved equivalent Standard) clauses and clarification. New social and environmental criteria has been implemented in order to make these more evidence based when showing compliance. This information is detailed in [Table 2](#).

### When will these changes come into effect?

From the date of the launch of Version 2.0 of the IFFO RS standard there will be a transition period to allow both currently certified factories and new applicants to the programme to adjust to the new standard.

Current certified factories under V1.6 of the IFFO RS standard will have **1 year** to understand and apply the revisions. If your re-certification or annual surveillance audit falls between July 18<sup>th</sup> 2017 and July 18<sup>th</sup> 2018, you should be applying under Version 2.0, however, should your production facility not be ready for Version 2.0 you can continue to be certified against the Version 1.6 Standard but you will be required in your next re-certification or annual assessment to be audited and certified against the New Version 2.0 Standard. IFFO RS aims to have all IFFO RS factories certified to the new Version 2.0 standard by 2019.

New applicants to the IFFO RS Standard will have **1 month** from the launch of the new standard to understand updates and decide if they wish to be certified under the Version 1.6 Standard OR Version 2.0. However following **18<sup>th</sup> August 2017** all new applicants will be required to apply and be certified against the new Version 2.0 Standard.

Should a new applicant choose to be certified under Version 1.6 of the standard, they will be required in their first annual surveillance, and all surveillance and re-certifications that follow, to be audited and certified under Version 2.0.

**Disclaimer:** *This transitional support document is intended as guidance only. Following this document is not a fully comprehensive way of preparing for an audit against the new version of the IFFO RS Version 2.0 Standard. IFFO RS advises, that in addition, all certificate holders read the IFFO RS Version 2.0 Standard in full and evaluate the updated processes and procedures specific to your company. If you are unsure of any details on any of the subjects covered, please consult the relevant IFFO RS Version 2.0 Standard documents [www.iffors.com](http://www.iffors.com) or contact the IFFO RS team at [standardrs@iffo.com](mailto:standardrs@iffo.com).*