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Corona / COVID Pandemic 2020 – Invalid IFS certificates

Dear Sir or Madam,

due to the global contact and travel restrictions and due to our preventive measures regarding health protection and maintenance of product availability in times of Corona we have postponed all IFS re-certification audits after May 2020. This means that some IFS-certificates of our plants get invalid.

IFS informed all stakeholders that IFS certificates might get invalid because audits could in many cases not take place.

There is a common consensus, that business relations are continued even though IFS certificates might be invalid for the period of time until audits can be conducted again.

An invalid certificate does not mean that a plant does not work according the high standards any more. It only shows that the audit could not take place because of the special situation with COVID.

The certification body documents in the IFS database that the IFS audit could not take place due to Corona and will be carried out at a later date. We have already advised the certification body to conduct the IFS-Audit after 1st of June 2020:

With kind regards,

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