

# Streamlining Supplier Certificate Management in the Food Industry

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Transforming the Collection, Management, and Tracking of Supplier  
Certifications to Ensure Compliance and Boost Efficiency.



# Why automation of certificate management is needed?

- Manual management of supplier certifications is a time-consuming and error-prone process, which can lead to delays and non-compliance.
  - Automation of certificate management streamlines the process, reducing the risk of errors and ensuring that products are always in compliance with regulatory requirements.
- *Studies show that less than 5% of safety and quality data requires action. However it can take hours – and in some cases **days** – to go through all of the pen and paper reports, binders, PDFs, emails, spreadsheets, etc., to find the 2 or 3 non-compliant results. In the meantime, product is on hold. ([food-safety.com](http://food-safety.com))*





# Automated vs Manual Certification Management



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Automated systems can provide real-time visibility into certification status and due dates, making it easier to stay on top of compliance requirements.



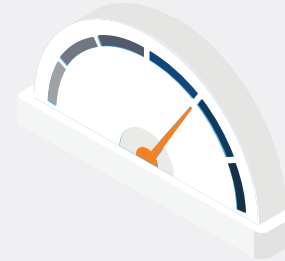
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Automated systems can improve accuracy and reduce errors by eliminating the need for manual data entry and reducing the risk of misplacing or losing documents.



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Automated systems can improve collaboration between different stakeholders, reducing the risk of miscommunication and delays.



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Automated systems can help to mitigate and reduce the risk of costly product recalls or other compliance issues.



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Automated systems can help to reduce costs associated with manual certification management, such as paper-based systems, storage, and administrative overhead.



# The importance of compliance in the food industry

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- Certifications in HACCP, ISO, FSSC and others are critical for ensuring that food products are produced safely and meet quality standards.
- Compliance with supplier certification requirements is essential to avoid the risk of non-compliant products entering the market, which can result in consumer harm and damage to a company's reputation.
- The collection and management of supplier certifications is a complex process that requires careful attention to due dates and expiration dates to ensure that products are always in compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Standards such as the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) and the Safe Quality Food (SQF) program provide guidance on supplier certification requirements and are widely recognized as important benchmarks for food safety in the industry.







# Revolutionize Your Certification Management

*The Powerful Workflow Automation and Content Collaboration Solution You Need to Ensure Compliance and Mitigate Risk*

Our solution for automated certification management offers a unique combination of workflow automation and content collaboration, making it easier than ever to manage supplier certificates and ensure compliance.

By utilizing M-files for workflow automation and integrating it with Hubshare for content collaboration, our solution offers a powerful set of tools for managing supplier certificates in a secure way that can help to improve efficiency, reduce errors, and mitigate risk.

Companies that are not using our solution for automated certification management may be at a higher risk for compliance issues and costly product recalls due to the inefficiencies and errors associated with manual certification management. Our solution can help to mitigate these risks by improving efficiency, reducing errors, and providing real-time visibility into certification status and due dates.

## Who is the automated certificate management solution for?

Companies in the food industry with a high volume of suppliers

Businesses looking to streamline and automate their certificate management processes

Organizations seeking to achieve compliance with industry regulations

Enterprises looking to mitigate the risk of costly product recalls and compliance issues



# How will this solution help your business?

By investing in our automated certificate management solution, you will enjoy the following benefits:

- Save time and effort in your certification management
- Get real-time visibility into certification status
- Reduce non-compliance risk through proactive management
- Consistent certification requirements across suppliers
- Unlock administrative time for strategic tasks
- Increase traceability and more accurate decision-making
- Secure and intuitive user experience for all stakeholders

*"With the implementation of an automated certificate management solution. We immediately saw how this helped us in our ambitions to create the best possible work environment for our employees. By removing the manual administrative and repetitive tasks, we were able to shift focus from chasing documents, to preventive actions that will increase our compliance and traceability. As a business within the food industry, having control of various certificates and permits is key for creating trust in our brand."*

*Amer Dzindic  
IT Manager  
Bröderna Hanssons i Göteborg Export AB*





# Highlights of features and functions

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- Automatic reminders for renewal of certifications
- Streamlined and secure interaction with suppliers and customers through a web-interface
- Dynamic permission settings for access control
- Dynamic workflow creating a smooth internal process
- Minimal manual effort to upload/edit the certificates/permits etc.
- Connect certification status with other processes, such as supplier management for a higher transparency and 3rd party risk management





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