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# BRCGS ANNOUNCE A PUBLICATION DATE OF 1 AUGUST 2019 FOR THE SIXTH ISSUE OF ITS INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED GLOBAL STANDARD FOR PACKAGING MATERIALS.

## What's new for Issue 6?

The development of Issue 6 followed a wide consultation to understand stakeholders' requirements. A review of emerging issues was also carried out in the packaging industry and the industries it supplies. The information has been developed and reviewed by a working group composed of international stakeholders representing different sectors of the packaging materials manufacturing industry, retailers, brand owners, food service companies, certification bodies and independent technical experts.

Key features remain integral to the Standard, such as:

- meeting the needs of retailers and brand owners to reduce the audit burden
- better recognition of the diversity of the packaging industry and its customers' demands
- encouraging greater transparency and traceability in the supply chain
- encouraging adoption of the Standard as a means of improving product safety at small sites and facilities where processes are still in development.

The focus for this issue has been on:

- enhancing the processes used by quality management systems in printed packaging controls and through a hazard and risk analysis approach
- continuing to ensure consistency of the audit process across the world
- the importance of a product safety and quality culture in the drive to improve transparency and coherence across the food supply chain
- simplifying the hygiene requirements based solely on risk
- introducing a new fundamental clause, corrective and preventive actions, to address issues and minimise the risk of their occurring
- based on risk, putting a microbiological environmental monitoring programme in place
- simplifying the unannounced audit programme.