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The vital role of standards in the food industry

The world population is growing rapidly and many food products repeatedly cross national boundaries to meet our rising demand for food. International standards help address this challenge in a safe and sustainable way through guidance and best practice in food production methods and testing; to promote safety, quality and efficiency across the entire food industry.

All players in the food supply chain, be they farmers, manufacturers or retailers, can benefit from the guidelines and best practice contained in ISO standards, which range from food harvesting to product packaging. In addition, internationally agreed standards help food producers meet legal and regulatory requirements.

Standards address issues relevant to consumers such as food safety, nutritional labelling, hygiene, food additives and more. They give consumers the peace of mind that comes with knowing the food they consume meets high standards for safety and quality and contains what it says on the tin.

The building blocks of a successful business in the food industry



BSOL for food processing and supply chain

BSOL offers standards across all areas of food manufacturing, logistics and storage



BSOL Modules for Food processing and Supply Chain

British Standards Online (BSOL) is an online database of standards that allows you to build a collection specific to your needs. Core business standards can be combined with industry specific standards to help you manage your supply chain, product quality, compliance and business risk with clear, best practice guidance.

BSOL includes more than 2,000 standards for agriculture, food and beverage industry which help you to maintain compliance by referring to the latest versions and historic standards for long-term projects.

Key standards for the industry are displayed in the graphic, but there are thousands more.

The database comprises a variety of relevant modules for the industry such as Agriculture & Agricultural Engineering and Food Technology. Each of the modules includes a significant number of documents as detailed in the table opposite.

BSOL Module	Number of documents
01 Documentation	1154
02 Information and Finance	1485
03 Vocabularies	1790
04 Management, Law and Quality	1956
06 Environment, Wastes	2269
07 Occupational and Personal Safety	2197
08 Fire, Accident and Crime Prevention	2087
10 Testing	734
33 Materials Handling Equipment	1036
34 Packaging and Distribution of Goods	962
36 Agriculture and Agricultural Engineering	1447
37 Food Technology	1916





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