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WSCS: Customer-First for Compliance

At WSCS our priority is to help our customers thrive by serving up exceptional packaging experiences, time after time. Our compliance framework gives brands complete confidence that every packaging item is safe for contact, legally compliant, ethically produced through audited supply partners and verified through robust third-party testing.

Regulatory Compliance

All WSCS products are manufactured and tested intensively in line with:

- **UK Food Contact Materials (FCM) Regulations** – retained EU Regulation (EC) No. 1935/2004
- **Framework Regulation (EC) No. 2023/2006** on Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP)
- **Plastic Materials Regulation (EU) No. 10/2011** (for coated/laminated or lined products)
- **UK Packaging Waste Regulations** (Extended Producer Responsibility)
- **REACH and SVHC compliance** (no restricted substances)
- **Compliant with BRCGS Packaging Materials Standard** – through approved and audited manufacturing partners

Issuing customer requirements and policies to all suppliers. Formal acceptance received from them. Supplier agreements also being drawn up.

Supplier approval procedure. All information requested and desk-based risk assessment conducted prior to acceptance and full approval. Audited and routine inspections conducted by the team in India.



In addition to routine audits we conduct audits focused specifically on traceability to ensure our suppliers' protocols meet the necessary requirements.

Documented raw material and finished product specifications provides detail breakdown of components used and quality and safety parameters.

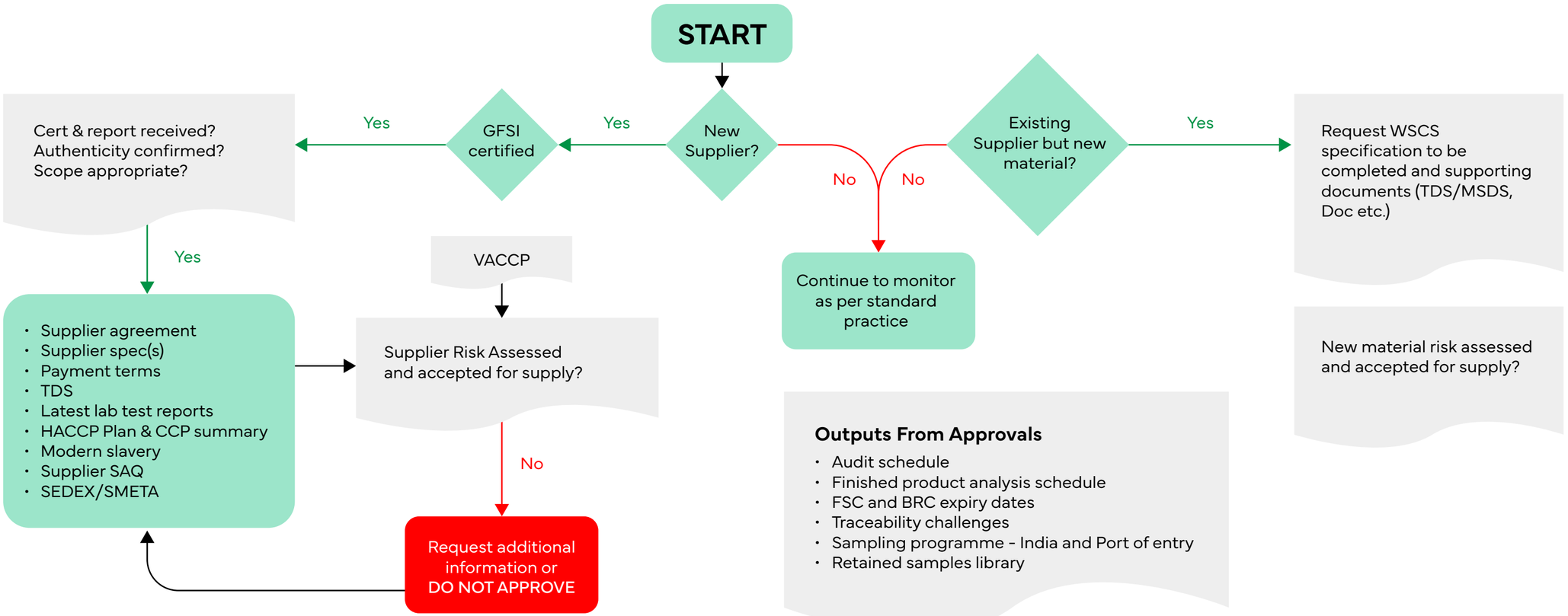
Implemented systems to ensure full compliance at point of manufacture. Verification of traceability data at point of despatch. Our lab in India conducts assessments on raw materials and finished products to ensure compliance to specs.

Trending supplier data (complaints, non-conformances, analysis etc.) working with the sites to implement CAPA to build an audit-ready culture and continuous improvement.

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Supplier Approval, Monitoring & Review

- Approved supplier dB Process flow
- Supplier SAQ
- WSCS spec - confirmation and signed agreement that supplier will not amend spec in any way without first informing WSCS.
- Confirmation doc for compliance to standards and receipt of T&Cs
- Risk assessment of supplier and materials (including VACCP)
- Review and monitoring in place - scheduled
- Audits are effective and follow up is completed
- Trends and KPIs against suppliers



Outputs From Approvals

- Audit schedule
- Finished product analysis schedule
- FSC and BRC expiry dates
- Traceability challenges
- Sampling programme - India and Port of entry
- Retained samples library

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Manufacturing Site Controls

We ensure that all WSCS partner manufacturing sites operate under strict controls:

- **GFSI certification (BRCGS, SQF, IFS, FSSC22000)**
- **GMP documentation and traceability systems**
- **Approved supplier programmes** with material traceability from raw material to finished goods

Testing Regimes

Each type of WSCS packaging undergoes thorough and independent third-party testing to verify:

- **Global migration and specific migration** (for paper coatings, inks, adhesives)
- **Heavy metals** (Cd, Pb, Hg, Cr VI) under EN 13428
- **PFAS** (supplier declaration and third party lab analysis)
- **Sensory testing** (no odour or taste transfer)
- **Cobb value / water resistance** and **hot-fill performance** for paper products
- Functional performance testing (fit, leak, stack, compression, heat resistance)

Testing is conducted by **UKAS-accredited** or **ISO 17025-certified laboratories**, both in Asia and the UK, with certificates and reports retained for customer assurance.

Compliance/Test Documentation

We maintain a comprehensive record of compliance and testing data available to our customers on request:

- **Declaration of Compliance** (DoC) for each product line
- **Full test reports** and supporting migration data
- **Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)** where relevant
- **Product specifications** and traceability records
- **Certificates of Analysis (CoA)** for production batches (on request)

Sustainability & Material Assurance

We are fully committed to help our customers reduce environmental impact by offering a range of responsible packaging solutions:

- Paper and board sourced from **FSC® or PEFC™ certified mills**
- Printing inks are **low migration, water-based or vegetable-based**
- Ongoing programme to reduce plastic content and support **recyclable/ compostable formats**
- Alignment with **UK Plastics Pact** and **Defra guidelines** on recyclability and compostability

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Compliance with EU Regulations

EUDR

WSCS ensures brands adhere to the latest EU Deforestation Regulation which require that suppliers of fibre-based packaging provide:

- **Geolocation Data** – Precise geolocation coordinates (polygon or point data) of the forest/land where wood is harvested
- **Supply Chain Mapping** – Full visibility of the supply chain, including all entities involved from forest to finished packaging
- **Product Information** – Details of wood species used and country of harvest
- **Legal Compliance Evidence** – Confirmation that raw materials are harvested in compliance with relevant local laws
- **Traceability Records** – Documentation demonstrating unbroken traceability back to origin

This information is required to complete **due diligence statements** before placing packaging products on the EU market.

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Single-Use Plastic Directive (SUPD)

WSCS supports brands with compliance to the SUPD which affects selected plastic single-use products where alternative materials are available. This mainly relates to conventional fossil-based plastics as well as organic plastics.

- **Ban on Specific Single-Use Plastics**
  - The EU has banned items like plastic cutlery, plates, straws, stirrers, cotton bud sticks and polystyrene food containers
  - The UK has also banned these items in England, Scotland and Wales (with some exemptions, e.g. for medical use)
- **Reduction Targets for Other Plastics**
  - The EU requires member states to significantly reduce the use of certain plastics (e.g. food containers, cups).
  - The UK has introduced a **Plastic Packaging Tax** (since April 2022) on plastic packaging with less than 30% recycled content, encouraging businesses to switch to alternatives
- **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)**
  - Both the EU and UK are making producers financially responsible for the waste generated by their packaging
  - UK businesses must report packaging data and pay fees under the **EPR scheme** (phased in from 2023)
- **Labeling Requirements**
  - Some plastic products must carry labels informing consumers about proper disposal (e.g. wet wipes, sanitary products)

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About WSCS

Partnering with WSCS Global empowers brands in food service, retail and other industries to achieve exceptional packaging at significantly reduced costs while making a meaningful impact on our environment.

We harness our manufacturing expertise and collaborate with cost-effective providers in India to produce millions of outstanding packaging solutions, all responsibly sourced, meticulously designed and expertly engineered.

Our commitment extends to shipping, stocking and distributing for some of the most recognised names in the QSR industry, including KFC, Taco Bell and Burger King. Our mission is to deliver unparalleled service, reduce costs, and provide environmentally friendly products that enhance your brand, no matter your industry.

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