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SDF Ibérica (Group STEF-TFE) is the first logistics to receive the IFS Logistics certification by AENOR in Spain

SDF Iberica, a STEF-TFE subsidiary and the leading cold-chain operator on the Spanish market, was granted by AENOR (Spanish Association for Standardization and Certification) the first IFA Logistics certificate for its storage and transport negative cold (-25 ° C) Alcala de Henares platform.

The IFS Logistic is a standard for logistics activities in food and non food products (detergents, cosmetics, hygiene products). It covers all transport operations, storage, distribution, loading and unloading and all transport modes (road, rail, river, sea, air) under chilled, frozen or ambient conditions.

It adds to the standard requirements of the IFS system (management and quality systems) specific criteria relevant to different transport, storage or distribution steps.

The IFS Logistic certification is based on an audit where all critical aspects of the standard (98 items in total) are graded: staff training in good hygiene practices, protective packaging, transport equipment cleaning, building cleanliness...

Alcala de Henares SDF is a storage site and transportation frozen (-25 ° C) located in the province of Madrid. It caters to retailers and food manufacturers. It covers an area of over 10,300 m², has a storage volume of almost 105,000 m³ and a capacity of almost 19,000 pallets. It has 150 employees in sales, administration and technical tasks. It can handle 60,000 tons of merchandise per year.

Lecanda Angel, CEO of SDF in Spain said:

"Securing the cold chain while continually improving is everyday everyone's at SDF. The IFS Logistic Standard is internationally recognized by leading multinational retailers and food manufacturers which use it as a criteria when selecting their partners. This certification is one more show of confidence in the company. Our score of 95.2% was very high and way above minimum requirements. Finally, the IFS Logistics complements our own standards of quality and safety that we designed to meet the most stringent requirements of our customers in the area of food regulation".

Lecanda Angel added: *"SDF Alcala de Henares is the largest of our logistics network in Spain for frozen goods. Strategically located in the heart of the Madrid region, it provides an efficient supply chain to retailers and manufacturers. "*

S.D.F Ibérica Key data:

- 24 sites
- 540 vehicles
- 28,000 m² of dock
- 960,000 m³ of storage volume
- 1,925 employees

* SDF: Servicios de Distribución Frigorific

** IFS: International Standards Featured

About IFS - www.ifs-certification.com

The International Featured Standard (IFS) is developed for all type of retailers (all sizes of companies and shops, independent or not) and for wholesalers with similar activities (e.g. cash and carry). They all have to ensure the safety of their "own branded" products sold. IFS helps to comply with all legal safety requirements and gives common and transparent standards to tall concerned suppliers as well as a concrete and strong answer to the high safety expectations of customers. IFS covers common internationally accepted audit standards in order to improve continuously safety for the consumers.

IFS - a convincing quality standard:

- Present in 90 countries
- 190 retailers trust the IFS standard
- 12,000 suppliers use IFS

About AENOR - www.aenor.es

Established in 1986 as a non-profit private association, the Asociación Española de Normalización y Certificación (AENOR) undertook the responsibility formerly held by official authorities for the development, publication and promotion of Spanish standards (UNE standards), for which it has been granted recognition by law as the only body responsible. Being an active member of the main European and international standardization, for a AENOR's mission is to contribute, through the development of Standardization and Certification, to the improvement of quality within companies and also of their products and services, as well as to protect the environment and, therefore, the well-being of society.

AENOR develops a remarkable activity in the field of cooperation projects, with the objective to extend the benefits of standardization to a growing number of countries.

Concerning certification activities, AENOR is the leading entity in Spain. It has been accredited as a certification entity by the Spanish National Accreditation Body (ENAC) as far as certification of both quality and environmental management systems are concerned and certification of products and services according to national standards. In the field of analysis, AENOR maintains two laboratories: Centro de Ensayos, Innovación y Servicios (CEIS) and AENOR laboratorio which focuses on the food industry.

With the aim of facilitating access to standards and their implementation, and thereby contributing to the widespread culture of quality, AENOR provides a variety of services through its Info Centre, its Training Centre and the sales of standards and publications, all of which departments integrate new technologies in their offer (with a website, a web shop and a virtual library).

About STEF-TFE - www.stef-tfe.com

STEF-TFE is the European leader for temperature controlled logistics. (-25°C to +15°C). The Group offers a complete range of solutions in transport, logistics and information systems for any food product, including the most temperature-sensitive. Its logistics system operates with a network of 215 cold storage sites and a fleet of 2,000 vehicles that are specifically equipped for fresh, cold (seafood, fruit and vegetables, flowers) and frozen goods. The Group has 14,000 employees in eight countries (France, Belgium, Spain, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, United Kingdom and Switzerland) and is present in Tunisia for its North African activities. Its customers can be classified into four major categories: manufacturers, distributors, retail, and restaurant chains. STEF-TFE's turnover totalled 2,057 million Euros in 2010.

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