



Processing Capability Advanced Programme

Programme Objective

The Processing Capability Advanced Programme was developed to assist larger seafood processors tender for export markets that require BRC certification. For the Irish Seafood Processing industry to grow, it must continue to develop export markets with premium products. Currently, customers in Europe require that a processor has BRC certification before they are entitled to tender for business. Irish Processors need to develop these potential export markets to ensure business expansion and securing job creation throughout Ireland.

Role of Bord Iascaigh Mhara

BIM will assist companies through this programme which includes, a presentation on BRC i.e. what it's about and what it costs, a company health check of the processors readiness to attain BRC, a Pre BRC on-site audit and mentoring to prepare the company for the official BRC pre –audit and final audit, and continued phone and e-mail support during the process. BIM will also assist in terms of finance to a maximum of 50% (excluding VAT) of the reduced fixed rate for the third party BRC audits secured by BIM.

Declaration on point 1 and 2 by the participant Seafood Business to be signed by Company Manager / Director

1. The funding by BIM, to the Seafood Company, will be made on the company having attained BRC certification and the submission of copies of all relevant invoices to BIM.
2. The Seafood Company commits to making a genuine effort to work closely with BIM and to adopt the recommendations of the program.

Company Name: _____

Site Location: _____

Position: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Once completed, please return by e-mail or fax to Sandra Hennessy, Seafood Quality Officer.
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