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Fort Dearborn Company Achieves BRC Certification

All 12 of the company's facilities on schedule to be BRC certified for packaging in 2014

Elk Grove, IL, January 14, 2014 – Fort Dearborn Company today announced that it has certified 6 of its 12 facilities to The British Retail Consortium (BRC) Standard for Packaging and Packaging Materials set forth by the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI). The facilities receiving the certification include the Bowling Green, KY; Brunswick, GA; Fort Worth, TX; Leamington, ON; Niles, IL and Sparks, NV manufacturing locations. The certified facilities produce cut & stack, pressure sensitive, roll-fed and shrink sleeve labels.



“Fort Dearborn decided to enhance each facility’s specific HACCP program to be based on food safety guidelines so that the program would meet the needs of our customers’ Safe Quality Food (SQF) and BRC certification requirements from the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA),” said Fort Dearborn’s Chief Operating Officer Bill Johnstone. “Achieving BRC certification confirms our ongoing customer commitment to producing safe, high quality labels for food and non-food use.”

Developed by packaging and product safety experts, the BRC Standard is HACCP based and incorporates food safety management systems and internationally accepted best manufacturing practices. Fort Dearborn’s robust quality program and GMP standards provided the necessary foundation to update current policies and procedures to these standards.

Fort Dearborn will continue working towards certification of the Elk Grove, IL; Fountain Inn, SC; Laval, QC; Louisville, KY; Provo, UT and St. Louis, MO facilities for completion in 2014.

About BRC

BRC Global Standards is a leading safety and quality certification program, used by over 20,000 certificated suppliers in 90 countries, with certification issued through a worldwide network of accredited Certification Bodies. The BRC logo is a trademark belonging to the British Retail Consortium and is being used under license.

About Fort Dearborn Company

Fort Dearborn Company is a leading supplier of high-impact decorative labels for the beverage, confectionery, food, household products, nutraceutical, paint and coatings, personal care, and spirits markets. Headquartered in Illinois, the company has operating divisions across North America, employing approximately 1400 associates.