



## SEASONAL RETURNS VERIFICATION

# CASE STUDY

### CLIENT

**Cereal & Confectionery Producer**

**Industry:** Supply Chain – Delivery Checks and Reverse Logistics.

**Service:** Seasonal Returns Verification.



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### CONCLUSION

This initiative was not a one-off project but a structural solution to a recurring challenge for seasonal manufacturers. By embedding RGIS into their reverse logistics process, the cereal and confectionery producer not only minimized risk and cost but also improved inventory clarity and internal efficiency.

RGIS continues to support the customer annually with this bespoke seasonal service, reinforcing its reputation as a trusted supply chain partner.

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### CHALLENGE

A major producer of cereal and confectionery goods required a strategic solution to manage the high-volume, seasonal returns of unsold products such as Easter eggs and panettone. The need stemmed from the risk of financial loss due to disputes, inaccuracies, and unsellable goods being returned from retailers after peak periods (Christmas, Epiphany, Easter).

Their challenge was intensified by the decentralized nature of the process — returns were managed at retail loading docks, away from the customer's direct oversight. The customer needed a neutral, trusted third party to guarantee accuracy and reduce disputes in this sensitive stage of the supply chain.

### WHY RGIS?

The cereal and confectionery producer selected RGIS due to the existing partnership on production and warehouse audits. They recognized the added value of having a reliable, impartial verifier for decentralized seasonal returns — a role that internal teams could not fulfill with the same neutrality or consistency.

### OUR SOLUTION

RGIS provided an end-to-end seasonal returns audit service directly at retailer loading docks:

- Physical inspection, counting, and qualitative verification of returned seasonal stock.
- Audits were conducted on-site at the customer's loading bays, before goods were shipped back.
- The project was delivered by 379 trained RGIS auditors equipped with tablets and scanners, wearing full safety equipment.
- Quantitative reports, qualitative assessments, photographic documentation, and "Checked by RGIS" certification was applied to verified goods.

This approach enabled immediate visibility of return volumes and stock condition before reaching the customer's warehouse, ensuring faster and more accurate downstream processes.

### RESULTS

- **15% reduction in financial losses** from inaccurate returns and refund claims.
- **99.9% count accuracy**, validating RGIS as a trusted verification partner.
- **15.6% fewer items returned** than initially declared by retailers — significant savings for the customer.
- **Strategic shift:** Transformed an unpredictable return cost into a controlled, measurable process.
- Optimized reverse logistics, enabling proactive stock handling and reduced warehouse congestion.