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1. INTRODUCTION

This document provides the requirements for the upgrade process from FSSC Development Program V1.1 to FSSC Development Program V2.0 for Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs) and Conforming Organizations (COs).

2. FSSC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM V2.0

2.1 GENERAL

FSSC published the new Program version, V2.0 in May 2025 with the following requirements for application:

- 1) Assessments against the FSSC Development Program V1.1 are allowed to be delivered up to 31 May 2026.
- 2) Upgrade assessments against FSSC Development Program V2.0 can commence from 01 June 2025 once the CAB has upgraded their processes, and the CO is ready to commence being assessed against the new version. From 01 June 2026 all assessments shall be to version 2.0 of the Program.

2.2 REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODIES (CAB)

2.2.1 GENERAL

- 1) The CAB shall include in its management system the requirements of FSSC Development Program V2.0, including these transition process requirements.
- 2) The CAB shall inform their conforming organizations within 1 months from the date of publication of the new Program documents and upgrade requirements for V2.0.
- 3) The CAB shall train its personnel involved in the conformity assessment process for the new FSSC Development Program V2.0 requirements.
- 4) All current Development Program qualified assessors shall meet the following requirements, and the CAB shall have evidence to demonstrate compliance with the following Program requirements:
 - a. Training and exam on the V2.0 Program requirements, including the applicable auditable requirements. Assessor training records shall be maintained in the CAB's internal database and made available to FSSC in a timely manner upon request. Where the assessor is also a qualified FSSC 22000 auditor, the training record shall be uploaded to the Maintenance tab in the auditor register.
- 5) For new assessors, the CAB shall follow the requirements described in the FSSC Development Program V2.0 for initial assessor qualification, Part 4, Section 3.5.

2.2.2 ASSESSMENTS AND CONFORMITY STATEMENTS

2.2.2.1 ASSESSMENTS

- 1) Between 01 June 2025 and 31 May 2026, both V1.1 and V2.0 assessments can be delivered. As of 01 June 2026, all assessments shall be delivered against V2.0 of the Program.
- 2) Assessments against the FSSC Development Program V1.1 are only allowed up until the latest 31 May 2026.
- 3) For upgrade assessments utilizing the ICT Assessment Approach method, both the remote component and the onsite component shall be completed against the same version of the

Program. ICT Assessment Approach assessments commencing from 01 June 2026 onwards shall be delivered against V2.0 of the Program. It is not possible to conduct part of the assessment on a different Program version.

2.2.2.2 ASSESSMENT DURATION CALCULATION

- 1) The assessment duration calculation in the Program has been updated.
- 2) The assessment duration calculations for all conforming organizations shall be reviewed in line with the new assessment duration calculation linked to the relevant version of the Program. The CAB shall notify the conforming organization of the change in assessment duration for assessments to be conducted to V2.0.

2.2.2.3 CONFORMITY STATEMENTS

- 1) CABs are required to update the FSSC Development Program conformity assessment of the certified organization following the successful completion of the Version 2.0 upgrade assessment process. The Program Version 2.0 shall be referenced on the conformity statement, in the assessment report and assessment plan.
- 2) All upgrade assessment packs and V2.0 conformity statements are required to be sent to FSSC via the developmentprogram@fssc.com email address within 2 months of the last day of the V2.0 upgrade assessment.
- 3) All remaining V1.1 conformity statements will automatically be set to withdrawn in the in the FSSC public register of conforming organizations after 31 May 2027.

2.2.3 LICENSING

Due to the changes in the scope of the Program (categories and subcategories as set out in Part 1, Section 3, Table 1), the following licensing requirements apply for the upgrade to V2.0 of the Program:

- All CABs are required to submit an application for V2.0 of the Program and sign a new license agreement.
- CABs who have an existing valid license for the FSSC Development Program will be granted the applicable corresponding (sub)categories as those they have for FSSC 22000 Version 6 as part of the new license agreement.
- CABs wishing to extend their assessment scope shall follow the requirements for a license extension as per Program V2.0, Part 4, Section 2.1.4.

No V2.0 assessments may be undertaken prior to being granted a new license that aligns with the applicable sub-categories or categories where no sub-categories exist. The application form will be available to CABs on MyFSSC for download.