



FSSC 22000

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The Board of Stakeholders (BoS) Decision list is a document which contains decisions applicable to FSSC 22000 Scheme Version 6. The decisions overrule or provide further clarification on existing Scheme rules and have to be implemented and applied within the defined transition period. The decision list is dynamic and can be adjusted by the BoS when deemed necessary.

The Board of Stakeholders is composed of representatives of the food sectors covered by the FSSC 22000 Scheme. The BoS is responsible for approval of the content and functioning of the FSSC 22000 Scheme. The Board has the possibility to provide binding decisions and voluntary recommendations for the associated Certification Bodies and Accreditation Bodies with respect to the FSSC 22000 Scheme.

Number	Reference	Description	Nature	Decision date	Effective date	Transition period
#1	Requirements for Version 6 Upgrade Process	The V6 Upgrade Process sets out the requirements for CBs and ABs on the transition process, including how to transition organizations from FSSC 22000 Version 5.1 to Version 6.	Mandatory	15 Feb 2023	01 April 2024	12 months
#2	Part 3 (7.2) Annex 3	<p>In addition to the requirements indicated in Part 3 of the Scheme, Section 7.2 for Certificate Design and Content, the following GFSI requirement shall be added as 7.2 (8):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The certificate shall indicate the date of the last FSSC 22000 unannounced audit. Note: unannounced audits are required to be delivered as per Scheme requirement Part 3, 5.4.1, and therefore the certificate will be updated with the date of the last unannounced audit once the unannounced audit has been delivered in the initial cycle, and there-after with the last unannounced audit date in subsequent cycles. Refer to the updated Annex 3 for more information. 	Mandatory	12 March 2024	01 April 2024	2.5 weeks
#3	Part 2 (2.3)	<p>For food chain category C0, the following additional GFSI requirement applies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In addition to ISO 22000:2018 clause 8.3, the organization shall establish, implement and maintain appropriate procedures and systems to ensure the traceability of all edible parts of the carcass is maintained until the carcass is deemed fit for human consumption (including blood for human consumption). 	Mandatory	12 March 2024	01 April 2024	2.5 weeks
#4	Part 2 (2.5.1)	<p>In Part 2 of the Scheme, clause 2.5.1(a), the current wording shall be replaced with the following, due to an additional GFSI requirement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In addition to clause 7.1.6 of ISO 22000:2018, the organization shall ensure that where laboratory analysis is used for the verification and/or validation of parameters critical to food safety, these shall be conducted by a competent laboratory (including both internal and external laboratories as applicable) that has the capability to produce precise and 	Mandatory	12 March 2024	01 April 2024	2.5 weeks

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		repeatable test results using validated test methods and best practices (e.g. successful participation in proficiency testing programs, regulatory approved programs or accreditation to international standards such as ISO/IEC 17025). The analyses shall be performed in accordance with the applicable requirements of ISO/IEC 17025.				
#5	ISO 22000: 2018	ISO published an amendment to the current ISO 22000: 2018 on 24 February 2024 to include the requirement of Climate change in clause 4.1 and the addition of a Note to clause 4.2. These updates shall be included in FSSC 22000 V6 audits.	Mandatory	12 March 2024	01 April 2024	2.5 weeks
#6	Part 4 (3.5.3)	In Part 4 of the Scheme, clause 3.5.3 (4)(a)(i), the current wording shall be replaced with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Successful completion of the related PRP training (refer Part 4, Section 3.5.1(3)(h)), and 	Mandatory	15 August 2024	15 August 2024	N/A – editorial correction
#7	Part 4 (3.5.3)	In Part 4 of the Scheme, clause 3.5.3 (3), the current wording shall be replaced with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Competence across the whole subcategory, or category where no subcategory exists, shall be demonstrated. Where (sub)categories have a broad range of products with different technologies, e.g., CIV or I, the CB shall further split these up in their system and approve auditors based on the defined criteria in b) below. It shall be clear for which sub(sub)category the auditor is qualified for, and this evidence shall be uploaded to the auditor register on the Assurance Platform. b) CBs shall demonstrate that they have evaluated and approved auditors for subcategories (as per 3.5.3 – (2)) and related sub(sub)categories, based on the necessary competency, including knowledge of products, processes, practices and applicable laws and regulations. Approval of a 	Mandatory	17 September 2025	1 October 2025 for initial auditor approvals, and for existing qualified auditors when extending their scope/s.	2 weeks

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		<p>sub(sub)category shall as a minimum meet the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Three (3) months' work experience in the sub(sub)category. Where food safety or quality consultancy work is used to demonstrate work experience, the number of man-days shall add up to three months, OR ii. Five (5) audits against a GFSI approved or recognized standard, Dutch HACCP, or ISO 22000 in the sub(sub)category; OR iii. Three (3) audits amounting to at least five (5) days against a GFSI approved or recognized standard, Dutch HACCP, or ISO 22000 in the sub(sub)category, and the successful completion of a training, with an exam in the sub(sub)category of a minimum 4 hours, covering the specific process technologies. Formal education in which the sub(sub)categories specific process technologies were covered can be accepted as meeting this training requirement. iv. A combination of the above can only be applied to i) and ii). <p>Audits are required to have been delivered as a qualified auditor, OR as a trainee under the supervision of a qualified auditor, for the sub(sub)category. In relation to trainee audits under supervision, the trainee auditor shall have audited the relevant HACCP study, product specific aspects, and the relevant production processes under supervision of a qualified auditor in the sub(sub)category for the Scheme/Standard being audited. Audits where the auditor was supported by a technical expert in the relevant sub(sub)category, that included the auditor auditing the relevant HACCP study, product specific</p>				

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		aspects, and the relevant production processes, can also be utilized.				
#8	Part 3 (9)	<p>In addition to the requirements indicated in Part 3 of the Scheme, the following requirement shall be added as section 9:</p> <p><i>Requirements on the use of artificial intelligence (AI).</i></p> <p>Where Artificial Intelligence (AI) is being used in the certification process, the CB shall as a minimum meet the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have a defined AI governance framework to ensure the responsible and ethical use of AI, that meets the principles of fairness, accountability, reliability, accuracy, transparency, confidentiality and security. AI technologies used shall comply with relevant regulatory requirements, and industry best practice should be followed to ensure legal and ethical alignment. b. Conduct a documented risk assessment for each AI system, addressing as a minimum: risks in AI development, deployment, and use. Identified risks must be mitigated appropriately, measures implemented and regularly reviewed. c. AI systems shall be tested and validated for applicability, accuracy, repeatability, and safety before deployment, and continuous monitoring mechanisms for AI systems shall be implemented. d. The use of AI shall not compromise the integrity, impartiality, confidentiality, and credibility of the certification process. It may be used as an aid or support tool, but cannot replace human judgment, oversight, and key decision-making activities. It shall not replace the certification functions as defined in Annex C of ISO 22003-1: 2022, Table C.1. e. Clear roles and responsibilities shall be defined for AI-driven decisions, including mechanisms for corrective actions in case of errors or unintended consequences. Relevant personnel 	Mandatory	17 September 2025	1 January 2026	3.5 months

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	Appendix 1	<p>shall be trained on AI ethics and governance, the AI systems utilized and have an understanding of the AI limitations and potential risks.</p> <p>f. The use of AI systems shall be transparent, explainable in terms of its scope and applicability, and communicated to relevant stakeholders, including but not limited to the certified organization, FSSC, and Accreditation bodies.</p> <p>Add the definition for an AI system to Appendix 1 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AI system: a machine-based system designed to operate with varying levels of autonomy, that may exhibit adaptiveness after deployment and that, for explicit or implicit objectives, infers, from the input it received, how to generate outputs such as predictions, content, recommendations, or decisions that can influence physical or virtual environments (OECD adapted). 	Mandatory	17 September 2025	1 January 2026	3.5 months