



FOOD SAFETY SYSTEM CERTIFICATION 22000

BOARD OF STAKEHOLDERS
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The Board of Stakeholders (BoS) Decision list is a document which contains decisions applicable to FSSC 22000 Scheme Version 5.1. 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, Accreditation Bodies and Training Organizations with respect to the FSSC 22000 Scheme.

Number	Reference	Description	Nature	Decision date	Effective date	Transition period
#1	Part 2 (2.4)	In the PRP standard for Food packaging manufacturing (ISO/TS 22002-4:2013), the word “should” in clause 4.13.2, must be replaced by “shall” making this a mandatory requirement. (#10 BoS decision list V5)	Mandatory	17 February 2020	Immediate	Not applicable
#2	Requirements for Version 5.1 Upgrade Process	The V5.1 Upgrade Paper has been published, setting out the requirements for CBs, ABs, and Training Organizations on how to transition organizations to Version 5.1 of the Scheme. (#25 BoS decision list V5)	Mandatory	1 December 2020	01 April 2021	4 months
#3	Requirements for Version 5.1 Upgrade Process	An updated version of the V5.1 Upgrade Process requirements has been published. This document sets out the requirements for CBs, ABs, and Training Organizations on how to transition organizations to Version 5.1 of the Scheme.	Mandatory	23 February 2021	01 April 2021	2 months
#4	Version 5.1 Annex 4 + 5	An updated version of Annex 4 and Annex 5 of the FSSC 22000 Scheme version 5.1 has been published.	Mandatory	23 February 2021	01 April 2021	2 months
#5	CB Requirements COVID-19	An updated version of the CB Requirements in relation to managing the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has been published and remains in place until further notice.	Mandatory	01 November 2021	Immediate	Not applicable

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#6	CB Licensing Requirements	<p>In Part 4 of the Scheme, clause 2.1 (4), the current wording shall be replaced with the following:</p> <p>The CB may hold more than one accreditation for the main location which shall be covered by a single FSSC license. In case the CB has multiple locations holding their own FSSC accreditation, the Foundation shall be informed about the additional accreditations as part of the initial application and subsequently when changes occur. These locations with own accreditations will form part of the main license and will be included in the IP Assessment Program of the licensed CB. Any costs associated with related additional IP activities will be for the CBs account.</p> <p>Alternatively, the CB may opt to have a separate FSSC license with the Foundation for each accredited location, which will be subject to its own IP activities and costs.</p>	Mandatory	07 December 2021	01 June 2022	6 months
#7	Guidance Document: ISO 22000 Interpretation	<p>Since the content of this guidance document has become outdated and the decision tree is not universally applicable, it has been decided to remove the Informative Appendix in this document immediately while withdrawing the full document by 31 March 2022.</p>	Voluntary	07 December 2021	31 March 2022	4 months
#8	Part 2 Additional Requirements (2.5.7)	<p>In Part 2 of the Scheme, clause 2.5.7, the current wording shall be replaced with the following:</p> <p>The organization shall have in place:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A risk-based environmental monitoring program; A documented procedure for the evaluation of the effectiveness of all controls on preventing contamination from the manufacturing environment and this shall include, at a minimum, the evaluation of microbiological controls present; Data of the monitoring activities including regular trend analysis. 	Mandatory	27 September 2022	01 November 2022	1 month

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#9	Certified Organization Identification (COID) Codes	<p>The Foundation has implemented Certified Organization Identification Codes (COIDs) to maintain the traceability of certified organizations within the FSSC Assurance Platform and the industry:</p> <p>In Part 3 of the Scheme, clause 8.4 for the Assurance Platform, an additional requirement has been included as clause 8.4 (a):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each (certified) organization is allocated a unique code in the Assurance Platform that is linked to the organization, namely the Certified Organization Identification Code (COID). The COID stays with the organization to ensure traceability, also in the event of a transfer. The CB shall communicate the COID code to the organization once generated in the Assurance Platform, and to the accepting CB when requested in the case of a transfer. <p>In Part 3 of the Scheme, clause 7.2 for certificate design and content, an additional requirement has been included as clause 7.2 (6):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Certified Organizations Identification Code (COID) shall be included on the FSSC 22000 certificate. <p>Existing FSSC 22000 certificates shall be updated by the CB to include the COID following the next audit that is due in 2023.</p> <p>In addition:</p> <p>a) The CB shall undertake mass communication to all certified organizations regarding the nature and implementation of the COID code, and that it will be displayed and available on the FSSC public register by 31 January 2023.</p> <p>b) Should CBs want to do communicate the specific COID to individual organizations, in addition to a) above, that is possible until 31 March 2023.</p>	Mandatory	13 December 2022	31 January 2023	1.5 months
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#10	Requirements COVID-19	<p>The following requirements documents in relation to managing the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and as referenced in the BoS decision # 5, are retracted and no longer apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CB Requirements Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic 	Mandatory	13 December 2022	31 January 2023	1.5 months

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB Requirements Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic • TO Requirements Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic <p>As of 1 February 2023, COVID-19 cases linked to FSSC 22000 certification, shall be managed in accordance with the Serious event requirements of the Scheme, Part 3, clause 5.10.</p>				