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CERTIND POLICY ON THE TRANSITION OF CERTIFICATIONS FROM FSSC 22000 VERSION 6 TO FSSC 22000 VERSION 7 REQUIREMENTS

The FSSC Foundation published the **FSSC 22000 Scheme Version 7** in May 2026, together with the document **Requirements V7 Upgrade Process**, which establishes the requirements for the transition from **FSSC 22000 Version 6** to the new version of the Scheme.

The new version of the Scheme aims to align certification requirements with the latest normative documents and strengthen the certification process through:

- introducing new requirements related to auditor competence;
- integrating **ISO 22002-100:2025** and the new editions of sector-specific prerequisite programme standards;
- updating the audit duration calculation methodology;
- revising auditor competence based on the sub(sub)category system;
- clarifying and harmonising the requirements applicable to Certification Bodies, Accreditation Bodies and certified organizations.

Transition Timeline

The transition to **FSSC 22000 Version 7** shall be carried out according to the following timeline:

1. Audits against **FSSC 22000 Scheme Version 6** may only be conducted until **30 April 2027**.
2. Upgrade audits to **FSSC 22000 Version 7** shall be conducted between **1 May 2027 and 30 April 2028**.

During this period, certified organizations will benefit from a 12-month transition period to implement the new Scheme requirements.

Implementation of the Transition to FSSC 22000 Version 7

1. Audits

Initial Certification Audits

- Where both the Stage 1 and Stage 2 audits are conducted on or after **1 May 2027**, both audits shall be performed against **FSSC 22000 Version 7**.
- Where the Stage 1 audit is conducted before **1 May 2027** against **Version 6**, and the Stage 2 audit takes place after that date, Stage 2 shall be conducted against **FSSC 22000 Version 7**.

Surveillance and Recertification Audits

The upgrade audit is a full audit against the requirements of **FSSC 22000 Version 7** and may be conducted either announced or unannounced where required to comply with the Scheme requirements regarding unannounced audits.

Where the ICT audit approach is applied, both the remote and the on-site components shall be conducted against the same Scheme version. The use of two different Scheme versions within the same audit is not permitted.

Audit Duration

For audits conducted against **FSSC 22000 Version 7**, audit duration shall be determined in accordance with the new Scheme requirements.

Where required following the revised duration calculation, CERTIND shall update the existing certification agreements or issue appropriate contractual addenda.

2. Certificates

Following the successful completion of the upgrade audit:

- the FSSC 22000 certificate shall be updated to **Version 7**;
- Version 7 shall be referenced on the certificate, audit report, audit plan, audit programme and in the **FSSC Assurance Platform**;
- where the transition is carried out during a surveillance audit, the expiry date of the existing certificate shall remain unchanged;
- the audit documentation and certificate shall be uploaded to the **FSSC Assurance Platform** within a maximum of two months from the last day of the audit;
- CERTIND shall complete the transition process in the **FSSC Assurance Platform** no later than **30 June 2028**.

Measures Implemented by CERTIND

To ensure an effective transition to **FSSC 22000 Version 7**, CERTIND shall implement the following measures:

- update its management system to incorporate all FSSC 22000 Version 7 requirements;
- inform certified organizations of the new Scheme requirements within the timeframe established by the FSSC Foundation;
- train all personnel involved in the certification process;
- ensure the participation of auditors and relevant certification personnel in the mandatory training programmes established by the FSSC Foundation;
- provide training and ensure successful completion of the examinations covering **FSSC 22000 Version 7, ISO 22002-100:2025**, and the applicable sector-specific standards;
- requalify auditors for the relevant sub(sub)categories and update competence records in the **FSSC Assurance Platform**;
- review audit duration calculations and update certification agreements with certified organizations where applicable;
- prepare the GAP analysis and the implementation plan required for extending the accreditation scope to **FSSC 22000 Version 7**;
- obtain the accreditation extension before conducting accredited audits against **FSSC 22000 Version 7**.

For further information regarding the transition to **FSSC 22000 Version 7**, certified organizations are invited to contact **CERTIND**.

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