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CERTIND POLICY ON TRANSITION FROM SR EN ISO 22000:2005 TO ISO 22000:2018

On 19.06.2018, ISO (International Organization for Standardization) has published the standard ISO 22000:2018 - Food safety management systems -- Requirements for any organization in the food chain.

In accordance to International Accreditation Forum – IAF Resolution IAF 2017-15 - it was decided that the period for transitioning accredited certifications to the next revision of ISO 22000:2005 Food safety management systems- Requirements for any organization in the food chain is three years from the date of publication with the extension of the period until 29 June 2021.

In response to the situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, IAF has extended in April 2020 (iaffaq.com) the transition period of ISO 22000:2018 by 6 months.

Thus, all certified organizations according to SR EN SI 22000:2005 have a 3 year period to perform the transition to ISO 22000:2018, following that at 29.12.2021 all SR EN ISO 22000: 2005 will expire.

In the next period, CERTIND will continue to perform initial certifications, surveillances and recertifications for Food Safety Management Systems in accordance with SR EN ISO 22000: 2005 and the transition to the revised standard, including decision making in the certification process, will be carried out during the current certification cycle, after obtaining the accreditation, but no later than 29.12.2021. **After the publishing of the revised standard, all conformity certificates issued according to SR EN ISO 22000:2005 will have as expiry date the end of the 3 year transition period (29.12.2021)**. After performing the transition to ISO 22000:2018, a new conformity certificate will be issued containing the date of transition and the expiry date according to the normal certification cycle (3 years from the date of the decision for granting).
Starting with 29.12.2021, Certind will perform initial certifications, surveillances and recertifications for Food Safety Management Systems only in accordance ISO 22000:2018.

CERTIND encourages organizations that have a management system implemented in accordance with SR EN ISO 22000:2005 to take the following actions:
a) Obtain a copy of ISO 22000:2018;
b) Identify the gaps in the FSMS which need to be addressed to meet any new requirements.
c) Develop an implementation plan.
d) Ensure that any new competence needs are met and create awareness for all parties that have an impact on the effectiveness of the Food Safety Management Systems.
e) Update the existing Food Safety Management System to meet the new requirements and provide verification of its effectiveness (at least one complete internal audit and one management review).

Transition of certification activities

Transition activities can be performed, in agreement with the certified organization, in the following situations:
1. Planned surveillance or recertification audits, in which case the transition assessment is carried out in conjunction with scheduled surveillance or recertification and the audit time will not be supplemented
2. Special audit – based on an amendment to the evaluation and certification agreement.

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In both cases, the decision to issue certification to ISO 22000:2018 shall only be made once actions in respect of all outstanding major non-conformities have been reviewed, accepted and verified and the client's corrective action plan for any minor non-conformity has been reviewed and accepted.

Following the assessments that will conclude that the certified organization has performed the transition to ISO 22000:2018, CERTIND will issue a new conformity certificate.

In case of transition activities carried out during surveillance audits, the expiry date of the new conformity certificate will be the expiry date of the current certification cycle (3 years from the date of the decision for granting). In case of transition activities carried out during recertification activities, the validity of the new conformity certificate will be 3 years from the expiry date of the previous certification cycle.

CERTIND encourages organizations that have a management system implemented in accordance with ISO 22000:2005 to familiarize themselves with the requirements of the new revised standard and to initiate the transition process, and for organizations that intend to implement in the future an Energy Management System, to use ISO 22000:2018 as a reference document.

For any information regarding the transition process presented in this policy we are at your disposal.

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