

Decision list Board of Stakeholders for FSSC 22000 Scheme version 4.1

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This is the valid list of decisions made by the Board of Stakeholders FSSC 22000 (BoS). This list contains an overview of all relevant decisions of the BoS that are related to the Scheme either as mandatory or voluntary documents. The decision list is dynamic and can be adjusted by the BoS when deemed necessary.

The BoS is composed of representatives of the food categories covered by the FSSC 22000 certification 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.

Reference	Decision	Effective	Status
1. CB accreditation deadline	If for some reasons the accreditation deadline of 31 December 2017 cannot be met, the CB shall request a waiver from the Foundation before 31 December 2017 indicating the date of application with the AB, name of AB, reasons for the delay and plans to achieve accreditation in 2018.	December 2017	Mandatory
2. Stage 1 and 2 audits	It is allowed to perform FSSC Scheme version 3 stage 1 audits in 2017 and version 4.1 audits in 2018. In these cases, the responsibility rests with the CB and the audited organizations to ensure all version 4.1 requirements will be audited and reported upon to confirm compliance with all Scheme requirements.	December 2017	Mandatory
3. NTA 8059 Interpretation clause 4.2.4	In the PRP standard for Transport & Storage, NTA 8059, Clause 4.2.4 states “ <i>Vehicles and logistic units transporting temperature-controlled products shall be pre-cooled to the required temperature before loading or the required air temperature shall be achieved within a defined time of loading commensurate with maintaining the specified product temperature</i> ” which shall be interpreted in the following way “ <i>The cooling process for vehicles and logistic units transporting temperature-controlled products can start during or after loading, if the organization demonstrates that the required air temperature has been achieved while maintaining the required product temperature to manage safety of the product</i> ”.	December 2017	Mandatory

4. Guidance document on Unannounced audits	A Guidance document on the execution of unannounced audits was approved to support mainly CBs and organizations in understanding how to facilitate this new Scheme requirement.	December 2017	Voluntary
5. Guidance document on Critical nonconformities	A Guidance document on the grading of Critical conformities was approved to support mainly CBs and organizations in understanding this new Scheme requirement.	December 2017	Voluntary
8. Surveillance audits	<p>The BoS approves the proposed Scheme interpretation on surveillance audits.</p> <p><u>Part III Requirements for Certification Process, clause 3.2 (NC reporting)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizations shall do for all NC's reported during all audits: cause analysis, correction, corrective actions and have the CAP accepted by auditor in the required timeframe <p><u>Part IV Requirements for CBs, clause 8.2 & Annex III (NC reporting & grading)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CB auditors shall report all nonconformities (NC's) at all audits • For each NC, a clear concise statement of: Requirement, NC, Evidence, and Grade of NC shall be written <p><u>Part IV Requirements for CBs, clause 8 (Technical review)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CB's shall conduct a technical review of all audits to agree with audit reports, NC's (objective evidence and grading) and effectiveness of corrective actions • Following each technical review, CB's shall make a certification decision (initial, maintain, renew, suspend, withdraw, re-instate) based on the audit report recommendation 	April 2018	Mandatory
9. Guidance documents on Food Fraud mitigation & Food Defense	The BoS approves the Guidance documents Food Fraud Mitigation & Food Defense	April 2018	Voluntary