

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 1, 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 1, 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 1, 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 1, 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 1, 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 1, 2018	Mandatory
9. Guidance documents on Food Fraud mitigation and Food Defense	The BoS approves the Guidance documents Food Fraud Mitigation & Food Defense	April 1, 2018	Voluntary
10. FSMA Addendum	FSMA Audit Addendum has been approved.	June 1, 2018	Voluntary
11. GFSI Benchmarking Findings & Action Plan (GFSI)	The BoS approved in June the GFSI List of Findings & Action Plan as part of the benchmarking process of FSSC Scheme version 4.1 against the GFSI Benchmarking Requirements version 7.1. The final GFSI	January 1, 2019	Mandatory

	recognition was received in October and therefore, the action plan has become final to be implemented by the FSSC licensed CBs.		
11a. Verification of closing minor nonconformities (GFSI)	The BoS approves that for minor NCs issued, evidence of corrective actions and corrections shall be sent by the organization to the CB for verification and approval latest 3 months after the audit.	January 1, 2019	Mandatory
11b. Product release procedure (GFSI)	The BoS approves that in addition to ISO 22000:2005 clause 7.10.3, the CB is required to assess if the organization has a product release procedure in place (only for food chain categories C, I, G and K).	January 1, 2019	Mandatory
11c. Supplier approval in case of emergency (GFSI)	The BoS approves that in addition to the FSSC 22000 Additional Requirement 2.1.4.1, the CB is required to assess if the organization, in case of an emergency, a non-approved supplier shall be assessed and the product shall meet the specification (only for food chain categories C, I, G and K).	January 1, 2019	Mandatory
11d. Test of incident management procedure (GFSI)	The BoS approves that in addition to ISO 22000:2005 clause 5.7, the CB is required to assess if the organization has an incident management procedure in place that is regularly tested (only for food chain categories C, D, I, G and K).	January 1, 2019	Mandatory
11e. Traceability of final products (GFSI)	The BoS approves that in addition to ISO 22000:2005 clause 7.9 and in line with regulatory and statutory requirements in many countries, the CB is required to assess if the organization has specified traceability requirements in place for unique identification of its final products (only for food chain categories C, I and K).	January 1, 2019	Mandatory
11f. Procurement of animals, fish and seafood (GFSI)	The BoS approves that in addition to ISO/TS 22002-1:2009 clause 9.2 and in line with regulatory and statutory requirements in many countries, the CB is required to assess if the organization has a policy in place to for the procurement of animals, fish and seafood which are subject to control of prohibited substances such as pharmaceuticals, veterinary medicines, heavy metals and pesticides (only for food chain category CI).	January 1, 2019	Mandatory
11g. Animal inspection process (GFSI)	The BoS approves that in addition to ISO/TS 22002-1:2009 clause 10.1 and in line with regulatory and statutory requirements in many countries, the CB is required to assess that the organization has specified requirements for an inspection process at lairage and/or at evisceration to ensure animals are fit for human consumption (only for food chain category CI).	January 1, 2019	Mandatory

11h. Slaughter time and temperature (GFSI)	The BoS approves that in addition to ISO/TS 22002-1:2009 clause 16.2, the CB is required to assess that the organization has specified requirements in place that define post-slaughter time and temperature in relation with chilling or freezing of the products (only for food chain category CI).	January 1, 2019	Mandatory
11i. Use of feed ingredients (GFSI)	The BoS approves that in addition to FSSC Additional Requirement clause 2.1.4.8.2, the CB is required to assess that the organization properly manages the use of ingredients that contain substances that can be deleterious to certain classes of animals (for food chain categories DI and DII only).	January 1, 2019	Mandatory
11j. Packaging with a functional effect on food (GFSI)	The BoS approves that in addition to ISO/TS 22002-4:2013 clause 4.14, the CB is required to assess that the organization has specified requirements in place in case packaging is used to impart or provide a functional effect on food, such as shelf life extension, shall, where known, be effective within its own specified criteria (only for food chain category I)	January 1, 2019	Mandatory
11k. Materials transported in the same vehicle (GFSI)	The BoS approves that in addition to ISO/TS 22002-4:2013 clause 4.7, the CB is required to assess that the organization has addressed the potential for contamination from other materials carried on the same vehicle (only for food chain category I).	January 1, 2019	Mandatory
11l. Medical screening (GFSI)	The BoS approves that in addition to ISO/TS 22002-4:2013 clause 4.10.5, the CB is required to assess that the organization has a medical screening procedure in place when permitted by law (only for food chain category I).	January 1, 2019	Mandatory
11m. Food contact and claims (GFSI)	The BoS approves that in addition to ISO/TS 22002-4:2013 clause 4.6.3, the CB is required to assess that the organization has specified requirements in place when recycled material, plant based material or functional additives are used, there shall be sufficient data to ensure safe food contact and documentation of claims (only for food chain category I).	January 1, 2019	Mandatory