



Guidance on the FSSC scheme with respect to PAS 223 section 18: Food defence, biovigilance and bioterrorism

Competence criteria

Bioterrorism is one of the potential hazards that, just like all of the other potential hazards need to be addressed in the manufacturers Hazard Analysis. The auditors have to review if this has been done and if effective control measures are in place. There are no additional qualification requirements required for the auditors.

Where relevant the auditor shall have knowledge of the PAS 96 which gives guidance as to be able to deal with applicable issues properly.

Method for Auditing

Biovigilance and Bioterrorism has to be audited within the scope of the certificate. Where relevant the auditor shall have such knowledge as to be able to deal with these issues properly.

Guidance on the FSSC scheme with respect to PAS 223 section 16: storage and transport

Storage and transport are not part of the FSSC scope as a stand alone activity. However manufacturers have to address it in cases where it is part of the organizations own process and when they have agreements with external transport and storage companies. CBs have to review if the manufacturer has addressed this effectively. The PAS 223 covers requirements for storage and transport and to ensure related food safety risks are addressed effectively in the manufacturer's food safety management system and that CB's cover this in the audits.