

Guidance transition from ISO 22000 to FSSC 22000 certification

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Introduction

The FSSC BoS confirmed in May 2014 that when transferring an existing ISO 22000 certification to FSSC 22000, a full stage 1 and 2 audit will not be required to transfer the ISO 22000 part of the FSMS to FSSC 22000. The transition audit shall meet substantive requirements for initial certification audit described in FSSC Part II, Appendix II A1, section 9. The complete transition audit must be performed at the client's premises.

Transition from ISO 22000 to FSSC 22000

When transferring an ISO 22000 certification to FSSC certification, a full stage 1 and 2 audit will not be required to transfer the ISO 22000 part of the FSMS to FSSC 22000. The transition audit can be combined with a scheduled ISO 22000-surveillance audit or re-certification audit.

Transfer audit

The FSSC 22000 certification audit is combined with a scheduled surveillance audit or re-certification audit.

The audit report shall clearly specify the audit type "transfer audit from ISO 22000 to FSSC 22000". The auditor shall also confirm the validity of the existing ISO 22000 certificate.

The audit must include ISO 22000, the applicable technical specification for sector PRP's and the additional FSSC requirements.

For audit time calculation see Guidance document on audit time calculation.

Certificate

The newly issued certificate is a FSSC 22000 certificate.

The scope shown on the certificate covers the full process. It is not allowed to exclude part of the process within the FSSC 22000 scope of certification.

The date of issuing on the certificate is the date of issuing the FSSC certificate. The original date of issuing the ISO 22000 certificate is not shown on the FSSC 22000 certificate.

Validity of the certificate

The transfer audit will result in a FSSC 22000 certificate with the validity of the existing ISO 22000 certificate. The new validity period cannot be more than 3 years.

Examples to illustrate the possible certificate validity as result of the transition audit:

1. Synchronise the FSSC 22000 and ISO 22000 certificate. The FSSC 22000 follows the validity period of the existing ISO 22000 certificate.

The ISO 22000 certificate is valid until November 1, 2016 and is not revoked.

The FSSC 22000-transition audit is on September 25, 2014. The certification decision is on October 20, 2014.

The initial certification date of the FSSC 22000 certificate is October 20, 2014. The FSSC 22000 certificate is valid until November 1, 2016.

2. Issuing a FSSC certificate on its own with a 3-year validity.

The ISO 22000 certificate is valid until November 1, 2016 and is not revoked.

The FSSC 22000-transition audit is on September 25, 2014. The certification decision is on October 20, 2014.

The initial certification date of the FSSC 22000 certificate is October 20th, 2014. The FSSC 22000 certificate validity period is October 20th, 2014 plus three years (example October 19th, 2017 or October 20th, 2017).

3. The ISO 22000 certificate is revoked and replaced by a FSSC 22000 certificate.

The ISO 22000 certificate is revoked.

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