



Food Safety System Certification 22000

Case study 1

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What's new in FSSC 22000 version 4

- Unannounced audits
- Food fraud prevention & food defense
- Auditor competence
- Follow-up on audits
- Time interval between audits
- Computer Aided Audit Techniques (CAAT)
- Mandatory audit report template

Focus during this case study session

- Time interval between audits
- NC grading / Follow-up on audits
- Mandatory audit report

Time interval between audits

- Stage 2 audit has to be conducted within 6 months after last day of stage 1 audit
- Time interval between audits is 12 months +/- 30 calendar days
- Three year certification cycle (ISO 17021)
- Three year audit cycle

Time interval between audits

The starting point of the:

- Three year certification cycle – **initial issue date of certificate**
- Three year audit cycle – **last day of the stage 2 audit**

Nonconformity grading

Finding classification:

- Critical nonconformity (new)
- Major nonconformity
- Minor nonconformity
- Opportunities for improvement (no longer allowed)

Critical nonconformity

Food safety is directly threatened when:

- Breach of legal compliance
- Observed product contamination
- Falsification of records

Follow-up on critical NC

Initial audit

- Critical NC: the audit shall be repeated within a period of six months

Surveillance / Recertification audit

- In case a critical NC is raised during the audit:
 - Certificate shall be immediately suspended for maximum period of 6 months
 - Follow up audit to verify corrective actions
- Certificate shall be withdrawn when critical is not closed within the 6 months timeframe

Mandatory audit report

- FSSC 22000 will introduce a mandatory audit report template
- The report shall be in English
- A full audit report has to be uploaded in the FSSC 22000 database
- ViaSyst will offer technical solutions for uploading audit reports

Audit report basics

- Audit report is a written record of the audit, prepared by the auditor
- The FSSC report, shall provide confidence that the certified organization demonstrably complies with all Scheme requirements
- The audit report shall enable an informed certification decision to be made by the CB

Audit report basics

- Audit report shall include reference to objective evidence to ensure that it clearly expresses where the processes of the audited site are in compliance, or not in compliance with Scheme requirements
- In case where a NC is identified by the auditor, clear and concise detail of the NC shall provided in the audit report

Disadvantages lack of audit report template

- Report consistency and quality varies with auditors and CBs
- Uneasy access to audit report: inefficient retrieval process
- Data monitoring limited to the data entered through the ADS

Advantages of audit report template

- Harmonized audit report content
- Increased audit report consistency
- Facilitates data extraction and analysis
- Used by every auditor for every audit type
- On-line editing and includes a tool for simplified data entering and data consistency
- Data recovery from previous report
- Off-line report available

Group discussions

Discuss if proposed requirements are:

- Clearly described
- Feasible and/or auditable

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