



# **Food Safety System Certification 22000 Overview Version 4.0**

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What's new in FSSC 22000 version 4:

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# Unannounced audits

- One of the two surveillance audits is replaced by a mandatory unannounced audit (UA)
- UA to be conducted during 12 months period after the last day of the previous audit
- The audit is fully unannounced
- If the certified organization refuses to participate in the UA, the certificate will be immediately suspended for a maximum period of six months
- The CB shall withdraw the certificate if the UA is not conducted within the six-month timeframe

# Food defense & Food Fraud prevention

## *Food defense*

The organization shall have a documented and annually reviewed food defense threat assessment procedure in place to identify potential threats and prioritise preventive measures

## *Food Fraud prevention*

The organization shall have a documented and annually reviewed food fraud vulnerability assessment procedure in place to identify potential vulnerabilities and prioritise food fraud mitigation measures

## Auditor competence

- All auditors shall be registered in the database
- Perform 5 on-site GFSI audits at different organizations each year of which at least 2 FSSC 22000 audits
- All auditors in team are FSSC 22000 qualified
- Not >3 consecutive audits at the same site
- The auditor must be a native speaker
- All auditors are tested through GFSI specified exams & witness audits

# Follow-up on NCs

## Initial audit

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

## Surveillance / Recertification audit

- In case 1 major NC is raised during the audit:
  - Certificate shall be suspended by the CB for maximum period of 6 months
  - Follow up audit to verify corrective actions
- Certificate shall be withdrawn when issues are not addressed within 6 months

## Time interval between audits

- Initial audit: Stage 2 audit has to be conducted within 6 months after last day of stage 1 audit
- Time interval between audits is maximum of 12 months

# Computer Aided Audit Techniques

- The on-site audit can include the use of computer aided audit techniques (CAAT)
- Use of CAAT to access information or to interview responsible persons only
- CB shall have a process to justify the use of CAAT during on-site audits



# Mandatory audit report template

- 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

# Publication

- Publication expected in line with GFSI BR 7
- Planned release in Q4 2016
- Transition term to be determined

# Interactive discussions

- Auditor competence
- Unannounced audits
- NC grading
- Time interval

Discuss if proposed draft V4 requirements are:

- Clearly described
- Feasible and/or auditable

# Let's connect!

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