



FSSC Global Markets Program

FSSC 22000 introduces the FSSC Global Markets Program, a new global program for small and medium sized food manufacturing organizations, focussed on assessing food safety systems at foundation or intermediate performance levels. The program enables organizations to achieve GFSI recognized certification in three steps (basic level, intermediate level and GFSI recognized certification). The Program also allows organizations to remain on foundation level when this is sufficient for them and their customers.

"This new Program is a great opportunity for smaller and medium sized food production plants all over the world that meet globally accepted food safety requirements and has the ambition to enlarge their marketing and sales opportunities based on the strict requirements of The Global Food Safety Initiative. We believe that with Cor Groenveld as the Managing Director of the Program, this new activity of FSSC 22000 has huge growth potential."

Fons Schmid, Chairman of the Board of Stakeholders of FSSC 22000

The FSSC Global Markets Program:

- Provides a stepping stone model to achieve GFSI recognized FSSC 22000 certification;
- Allows small and medium manufacturers to remain at Foundation Conformance Level while meeting the minimum food safety requirements in accordance with the CODEX HACCP Principles & General Principles of Food Hygiene and the basic level of the GFSI Global Markets Program;
- Includes assessments which are performed under a robust Integrity Program to ensure the quality of the program;
- Is owned and controlled by the independent, not-for-profit Foundation FSSC 22000;
- Offers a free self-evaluation tool that enables food organizations to conduct a GAP analysis against the requirements of the Program;
- Includes a capacity building/training module to support food organizations in developing their food safety system and meeting the requirements of the Program.



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The FSSC Global Markets Program Process

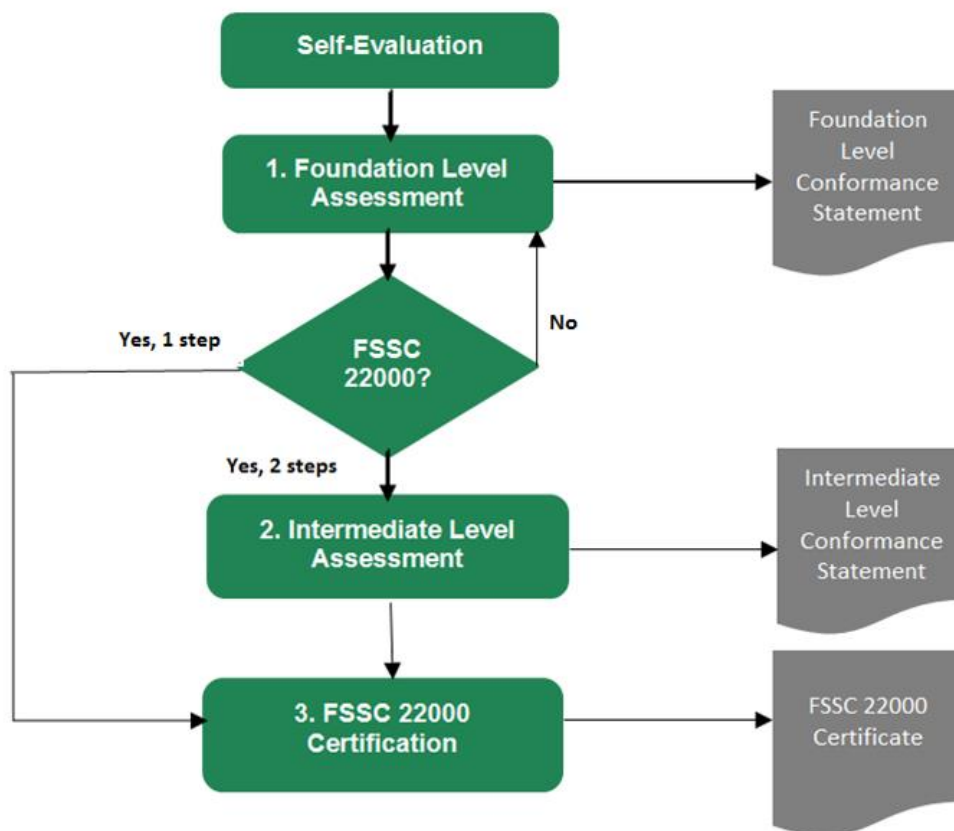


Figure 1: the FSSC Global Markets Program Process

How to apply and more information

More information about the FSSC Global Markets Program, how to apply and the Scheme documents can be found on the website: www.fssc22000.com. Please feel free to contact Managing Director Cor Groenveld for more specific information on the Program via globalmarkets@fssc22000.com.