



 **FSSC** Development Program

FSSC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

ANNEX 1 | SCOPE STATEMENTS



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1 PURPOSE

This Annex describes the rules for the scope statements on the FSSC Development Program conformity statements. There are general rules for all categories, and specific rules for individual categories including examples.

2 SCOPE

The food chain categories and related supply chain sectors that fall within the scope of the FSSC Development Program are defined in Part II of the Program documents.

3 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The conformity scope statement shall:

- 1) Be within the scope of the Program;
- 2) Clearly and unambiguously describe the process/activities, product types and/or services that are supplied by the conforming organization and that have been assessed by the CAB. The report shall contain evidence of all activities in the scope statement;
- 3) Not include promotional statements or claims. Claims being any message or representation, which is not mandatory under legislation and which suggests that the food or service has particular characteristics. Examples are health claims, nutritional claims, origin claims, free-from claims (e.g. allergen free claims), organic, quality claims). Where an organization makes such claims, they shall be investigated when they are part of the FSS but may not appear in scope statement;
- 4) Brand names are not allowed as this might suggest product certification;
- 5) Be in English, but another language may be added (e.g. the native language of the country of the conforming organization);
- 6) Not mention subcontracted or outsourced processes outside the organisation's legal responsibility;
- 7) Shall not include activities such as trading, broking;
- 8) Not include reference to products, processes or services related to non-food/feed (e.g. shall not refer to pharmaceutical and self-medication products, tobacco, cosmetics, household and personal care, ink);
- 9) Not contain exclusions for activities, processes, products or services when those activities, processes, products or services can have an influence on the food safety of the end products as defined in the scope of assessment (ISO/TS 22003:2013 9.1.1); Where permitted exclusions apply, this shall be motivated in the report and the conformity statement shall contain the text "Exclusions apply".
- 10) Not contain Development and Design as separate activity. These activities are only allowed when part of a processing or manufacturing activity covered by the Program scope of conformity and part of the same legal entity.

4 SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

The food chain categories and related supply chain sectors that fall within the scope of The FSSC Development Program are defined in Part II of the Program documents.

4.1 FOOD CHAIN CATEGORY C – FOOD MANUFACTURING

- 1) The FSSC Development Program is based on the Food Safety System assessment and not a product approval. Therefore, listing all individual products the organization produces shall be avoided.
- 2) Applied technologies that impact food safety shall be mentioned (e.g. sterilization, pasteurization, fermentation, drying) but it is strongly advised not to put all individual process steps in the scope statement (e.g. receiving raw materials, storing raw materials, mixing, proofing, baking, packaging in plastic, storage – is not preferred).
- 3) The type of packaging shall be mentioned when it has a vital function in food safety (e.g. vacuum packaging, MAP packaging) and/or when there is a potential impact on food safety (e.g. glass).
- 4) Where products are intended for specific vulnerable consumer groups, this shall be indicated in scope statement (e.g. food for baby's, hospitals etc.).
- 5) Storage, warehousing & distribution, delivery, supply and dispatch operations (on or off site), may only be added to the manufacturing scope statement in cases where these are:
 - a. dedicated to the company's own production;
 - b. included within the assessed food safety system;
 - c. part of the same legal entity (i.e. owned by the organization).

Where 3rd party Logistic Services are provided, category G is applicable and not included in the scope of this Program.

- 6) The word "sales" is not allowed: A manufacturer will always have sales activities, as they will need to sell their products (primary reason for being in business). However, there are no provisions or specific requirements in the food manufacturing standard for the sales process, therefore cannot be assessed and cannot appear in the scope statement. The same requirement applies to words equivalent or similar to sales such as marketing, exporting and or importing.
- 7) By products for animal feed can be included under CIV provided they are mentioned in scope statement with the addition "for use in the feed industry" or equivalent wording.

Examples

Conformity scope statement	Acceptable	Comments and recommendations
Production of Eggs	Yes	However, better is do describe the actual activities like sorting and packing of eggs.
Production and packing of vegetable oil.	Yes/No	For a company that really produces oil (pressing, extraction) this might fit, however for a company that only mixes and fills oil into bottles the term production as such may be misleading and incorrect.
Production (pressing, winterization, filtering and filling) of olive oil.	Yes	In this case it is clear what is meant by production, and although generally not recommended here it is necessary to add processing steps.
Development and design of ready-to eat meals	No	Development and design is not allowed as separate activity. Such activities are only allowed in addition to a processing or manufacturing activity covered by the FSSC 22000 scope of conformity and part of the same legal entity.
Production of bakery products (plain croissants, croissants with chocolate filling, croissants with marmalade filling, white bread rolls with or without sesame seed, whole grain bread rolls with or without sesame seed, fruit cake, bread with raisins and nuts, bread with raisins, brioche).	Yes/No	It is not desirable to include all individual products.
Production of non-alcoholic beverages packed in PET, and the production of carbon dioxide as an ingredient for such beverages.	Yes	Scope statement correctly describing two types of manufacturing activities.

4.2 FOOD CHAIN CATEGORY DIIA – PRODUCTION OF PET FOOD

All requirements as described under 4.2 (Food Manufacturing) apply with following additional requirements:

- The type of pet food shall be mentioned (e.g. dry, wet, treats)
- The target animal group shall be mentioned (only dogs, cats)

Examples

Conformity scope statement	Acceptable	Comments and recommendations
Production of pet food.	No	Missing is the type of food and target animal group(s).
Production and transport of dry feed mixtures for cattle.	Yes	Allowed if the transport process is owned by the company.
Manufacturing of dry pet food for cats.	Yes	

4.3 FOOD CHAIN CATEGORY K - PRODUCTION OF (BIO) CHEMICALS

The scope statement shall make a reference that these products are to be used in the food/feed industry.

Examples

Conformity scope statement	Acceptable	Comments and recommendations
Production of food-grade gas mixtures in cylinders CO₂, N₂, O₂, Air used as food ingredient. Production of food-grade solid CO₂ (Dry Ice).	Yes	
The manufacturing of liquid flavours and dry “mineral and salt blend” concentrate ingredients for beverage use.	Yes	
Manufacturing of cleaning agents to be used in CIP systems in the food industry.	No	Cleaning agents are not within the scope of FSSC Development Program.
Production of food gases Nitrogen, Oxygen, Argon, Nitrogen Dioxide, Carbon Dioxide, Hydrogen and gas mixtures for use as food ingredient or processing aid.	Yes	