

FSSC Global Markets Program

Part 2: Requirements for Conformity

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1 Purpose

This document states the requirements to be included in the design and implementation of the Food Safety System claimed to conform with the requirements of the FSSC Global Markets Program by an applicant organization seeking to be included in the FSSC Global Markets Register of Conforming Organizations.

1.1 Food categories and sectors

The following food chain categories fall within the Program scope of conformity:

Table 1: Food chain categories (from ISO/TS 22003:2013)

Category	Sub-category	Description
C	CI	Processing of perishable animal products
	CII	Processing of perishable plant products
	CIII	Processing of perishable animal and plant products (mixed products)
	CIV	Processing of ambient stable products
D	DII	Production of pet food for dogs and cats
K		Production of (bio)chemicals

1.2 Field of application

The Program requirements are global in nature, applicable to organizations in the food and feed supply chain regardless of their size and complexity, whether profit-making or not and whether public or private.

2 Outline of Program requirements

This section provides an outline of the Program requirements to be met in order to achieve conformance. The Program requirements consist of two different levels:

- 1) Foundation Level requirements;
- 2) Intermediate Level requirements.

2.1 Foundation Level

The organization shall meet the Foundation Level requirements to obtain the FSSC Global Markets Foundation level conformance status. The requirements are documented in the mandatory FSSC Global Markets Requirements and Reporting document. The requirements consist of three main components:

- 1) Food Safety System requirements;
- 2) Pre-requisite Program requirements;
- 3) Food Safety Hazards requirements.

The organization can either remain at Foundation Level and will have an annual re-assessment, or can decide to progress towards Intermediate Level or directly towards FSSC 22000 certification.

2.2 Intermediate Level

If an organization wishes to achieve FSSC 22000 certification it can use the Intermediate Level requirements as a step in between starting from Foundation Level. The Intermediate Level requirements are additional to the Foundation Level requirements. The FSSC 22000 certification assessment shall take place within 1 year from the Intermediate Level assessment.