

FOOD SAFETY

FSSC 22000 VERSION 6.0 UPDATE

Why the change and how does this impact you and your business ?

UNDERSTAND THE NEW CHANGES UNDER FSSC 22000 VERSION 6.0 AND HOW YOU AND YOUR ORGANISATION WILL BE IMPACTED BY THIS CHANGE.

INTRODUCTION

FSSC 22000 provides a framework for businesses to ensure they meet their food safety and quality responsibilities. Building on ISO 22000 Food Safety Management, and with scopes recognised by the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI), FSSC 22000 provides a practical structure for food safety management, total supply chain management and food safety hazard management.

In April 2021 the FSSC introduced the FSSC 22000 version 5.1 and now in April 2023 the new Version 6.0 has been published.

The main reasons for the development of this new version are:

- Incorporating the requirements of ISO 22003-1:2022.
- Strengthening the requirements to support organisations in their contributions to meeting the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Editorial changes and amendments as part of continuous improvement.

Version 6 will have a 12-month transition window to allow organisations to prepare for the new Version and CBs for implementation and gaining accreditation.

The first audits to Version 6 will commence from 1 April 2024.

WHAT ARE THE CHANGES ?

The main scheme changes include:

- Five scheme parts
- Two appendices
- Five annexes

These can be further grouped as:

NEWLY ADDED SCOPES

- Animal primary conversion, e.g., slaughterhouse (CO)
- Pre-process handling of plant products (BIII), e.g., fruit and vegetable packhouses
- Trading and brokering (FII)
- Pet food moved into category C

REMOVED SCOPES

- Farming scope (Category A)

NEW ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 2.5.8 Food Safety and Quality Culture
- 2.5.9 Quality Control
- 2.5.15 Equipment Management (Hygienic Design)
- 2.5.17 Communication Requirements (CO to CB)
- 2.5.16 Food Loss and Waste

HOW TO PREPARE FOR FSSC 22000 VERSION 6 ?

Refer to FSSC Upgrade Process Requirements: V6 document on the FSSC website:

[FSSC Upgrade Process Requirements V6](#)

This document provides the requirements for the upgrade process from FSSC 22000 V5.1 to FSSC 22000 V6.

WHO ALL ARE IMPACTED ?

All those who are currently FSSC certified will be impacted and, after 1 April 2024 all audits conducted under version 5.1 will no longer be permissible.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR YOU AND YOUR ORGANISATION ?

- All organisations will have to complete the Version 6 upgrade audit before 31 March 2025.
- No audits to Version 6 will be possible before 1 April 2024.
- All remaining V5.1 certificates will automatically be set to withdrawn in the Assurance Platform after 31 May 2025 and will no longer be visible on the FSSC 22000 public register of certified organisations on the FSSC website.
- The reporting time has been increased to at least 1.0 auditor days (8 working hours) to ensure sufficient time is provided for auditors to construct the audit report.

[For more information view our FSSC Version 6.0 FAQs document.](#)

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