

FSSC 22000

Transition Plan and Upgrade Process

FSSC V.5.1 To FSSC V.6

BRILLIANT TRANSITION PHILOSOPHY

- BRILLIANT considers FSSC 22000 revisions to be significant in nature, primarily due to changes in the structure of the standard to comply with the ISO 17021-1:2015 along with introduction of some additional concepts and themes. It is our goal to ensure that we perform value added audits that establish an organization's level of conformity to these standards and in doing so help our clients understand both the intent and the philosophy behind the changes.
- This plan relates to BRILLIANT's certification services covered under its EGAC accreditation.
- BRILLIANT's philosophy is to maintain a simplistic transition approach that is easy for our certification process, Accreditation transition process, our clients and auditors to comprehend.

The main factors that initiated the development of this version have been:

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

The specific Scheme objectives are to:

- Provide recognition for organizations that have demonstrated compliance to the Scheme requirements by establishing and maintaining an accurate and reliable public register of certified organizations;
- Promote the accurate application, recognition, and general acceptance of food safety management systems within the Consumer Goods industry;
- Provide information on and support for the auditing and certification of food safety management systems within the scope of the Scheme;
- Create impact through setting public goals linked to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



SCHEME CHANGES AND INTERPRETATION

The Board of Stakeholders (BoS) Decision list is a document which contains decisions applicable to FSSC 22000 Scheme. The decisions overrule or provide further clarification on existing Scheme rules and shall be implemented and applied within the defined transition period. The decision list is dynamic and can be adjusted by the BoS when deemed necessary.

The Foundation publishes interpretation articles related to Scheme requirements that include further clarification on requirements and the application and/or implementation thereof. Certification bodies and Certified Organizations need to adhere to these interpretation articles as applicable. It is the responsibility of the FSSC 22000 contact person to keep up to date with the interpretation articles and communicate it to the relevant parties within the CB or to Certified Organizations as appropriate.

Key Changes in FSSC 22000 Version 6

- 1) Product Labeling and Printed Materials (2.5.2)
- 2) Food Defense and Food Fraud Mitigation (2.5.3 & 2.5.4)
- 4) Environmental Monitoring (2.5.7)
- 5) Food Safety and Quality Culture (2.5.8)
- 6) Quality Control (2.5.9)

Additional Important Changes in FSSC 22000 Version 6

1. Management of Services and Purchased Materials (2.5.1)
2. Logo Use (2.5.5)
3. Transport, Storage, and Warehousing (2.5.10)
4. Hazard Control and Measures for Preventing Cross-Contamination (2.5.11)
5. Product Design and Development (2.5.13)
6. Communication Requirements

TRANSITION (Upgrade) PROCESS

GENERAL

The Foundation FSSC published the new Scheme, FSSC 22000 V6 in April 2023 with the following requirements for application:

- 1) Audits against the FSSC 22000 Scheme V5.1 are only allowed to be delivered up to 31 March 2024.
- 2) Upgrade audits against FSSC 22000 Scheme V6 shall be conducted from 1 April 2024 until 31 March 2025.

AUDITS AND CERTIFICATES

AUDITS

- 1) Initial certification audits: both the Stage 1 and Stage 2 audit shall be conducted to Version 6 when the audit takes place from 1 April 2024 onwards OR conduct the Stage 1 to Version 1.1 (when conducted before 1 April 2024) and Stage 2 to Version 6 when conducted on or after 1 April 2024.
- 2) An upgrade audit is a full audit against the new FSSC 22000 V6 requirements and may be conducted announced, or unannounced if required to meet the 3-yearly unannounced audit requirements.
- 3) Audits against the FSSC 22000 Scheme requirements V5.1 are only allowed at the latest 31 March 2024.
- 4) For upgrade audits utilizing the ICT Audit Approach method, both the remote component and the onsite component shall be completed against V6 commencing from 1 April 2024 onwards. It is not possible to conduct part of the audit to a different Scheme version.

AUDIT DURATION CALCULATION

- 1) The audit duration calculation in the Scheme has been updated in line with the requirements of ISO 22003-1:2022, and the minimum duration has taken into account the additional Scheme requirements.
- 2) The audit duration calculations for all certified organizations shall be reviewed in line with the new audit duration calculation. The CB shall notify the certified organization of the change in audit duration for audits to be conducted to V6.
- 3) The audit duration for an upgrade audit shall therefore apply to the next planned regular audit, whether it is a surveillance or recertification audit. Audit duration shall be calculated according to the Scheme requirements included in Part 3, Section 4.3, 5.2 and 5.3, as applicable.

CERTIFICATES



- 1) Brilliant Certification will update the FSSC 22000 certificate of the certified organization following the successful completion of the Version 6 upgrade audit process. The Scheme Version 6 shall be referenced on the certificate, in the audit report, audit plan, audit program, and in the FSSC Assurance Platform.
- 2) In the case of an Upgrade surveillance audit, the expiry date from the V5.1 certificate shall be maintained.
- 3) All upgrade audit packs and V6 certificates will be uploaded on the FSSC Assurance Platform within 2 months of the last day of the V6 upgrade audit. Brilliant Certification therefore have completed the V6 upgrade in the Assurance Platform no later than 31 May 2025.
- 4) All remaining V5.1 certificates will automatically be set to withdrawn in the Assurance Platform after 31 May 2025, and will then no longer be visible on the FSSC 22000 public register of certified organizations on the FSSC website.

Approach to Client Communications

- Our latest transition policy will be available to all clients in our official website www.briliantcert.com to understand our transition process.
- It is BRILLIANT's position that it is best for client for transition at their next reassessment visit, therefore, we will be writing to all customers to tell them that we have by default allocated this as their transition audit in our scheduling system. If the client wishes transition (Upgrade) earlier or later than this audit, they will be asked to contact BRILLIANT to make suitable arrangements.
- We will also be asking all BRILLIANT auditors to guide clients to make suitable transition (Upgrade) arrangements as soon as possible.
- At the point of scheduling a transition audit, clients will be informed of the audit duration.

Factors for The Adjustment of Audit Time for Transition Visits

Additional Time

- a. Complicated logistics involving more than one building or location where work is carried out. e.g.,
- b. Staff speaking in more than one language (requiring interpreter(s) or preventing individual auditors from working independently).
- c. Very small/large site for the number of personnel.
- d. High degree of regulation (e.g. food, drugs, aerospace, nuclear power, etc.).
- e. System covers highly complex processes or relatively high number of unique activities.
- f. Activities that require visiting temporary sites to confirm the activities of the permanent site(s) whose management system is subject to certification.
- g. Outsourced functions or processes.
- h. Maturity of the management system.
- i. Prior knowledge of the client organization's management system (e.g. already certified in another voluntary scheme by us)
- j. Client preparedness for related scheme certification .

Multisite

Procedure P15/L2 will be applied in addition to 9.1.5 (ISO 17021-1:2015)

Commitment and Transition Plan from Brilliant CB

Our CB has the commitment to



1. Train its auditors and check the achievement of results for an adequate level of competence.
2. Inform clients and share with them a guide for the management of the transition.
3. Plan the timeframes for audit activities and the issuance of certificates against the revised standard.
4. Take into consideration both the transition period and the ongoing certification period.
5. Schedule the audits at the client organizations.
6. Brilliant Certification will ensure that the clients' ongoing conformity to FSSC 22000 V6 will be maintained through the Transition process.
7. Plan the timeframes for decisions regarding certification for the prompt updating of the certificates.
8. Encourage organizations certified against the previous version to adopt the new version from the first steps.
9. Encourage organizations without accreditation to adopt the new version directly.

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