

FSSC 22000 Certification Scheme: Required Changes

The FSSC 22000 Foundation Board of Stakeholders (BoS) met and resolved a number of **changes to the FSSC 22000 scheme** which **come into effect from 1 January 2019**. These auditable changes require



all FSSC certified organizations to follow the additional/adjusted requirements listed below, as applicable.

NOTE: The food chain categories referenced in the clauses below can be found on the FSSC 22000 certificate issued by BSI to determine if the clause is applicable to your organization.

BoS decision	Decision details	What you must do as an FSSC 22000 certified company
11a. Verification of closing minor nonconformities (GFSI)	The BoS approves that in addition to Annex III to Part IV, for minor NCs issued during any new audit, evidence of the correction shall be sent by the organization to the CB for verification and approval latest 3 months after the audit.	Within 3 months of the last day of the audit, send evidence of the "correction" (immediate action/fix) to your auditor along with the Corrective Action Plan (CAP). Note: the CAP will be verified at the following audit as has always been the case.
11b. Product release procedure (GFSI)	The BoS approves that in addition to ISO 22000:2005 clause 7.10.3, the CB is required to assess if the organization has a product release procedure in place (only for food chain categories C, I, G and K).	Organizations in categories C, I, G or K must implement a procedure for product release.
11c. Supplier approval in case of emergency (GFSI)	The BoS approves that in addition to the FSSC 22000 Additional Requirement 2.1.4.1, the CB is required to assess if the organization, in case of an emergency, a non-approved supplier shall be assessed and the product shall meet the specification (only for food chain categories C, I, G and K).	Organizations in categories C, I, G and K must ensure they assess non-approved suppliers and the product against specification in the case of an emergency.
11d. Test of incident management procedure (GFSI)	The BoS approves that in addition to ISO 22000:2005 clause 5.7, the CB is required to assess if the organization has an incident management procedure in place that is regularly tested (only for food chain categories C, D, I, G and K).	Organizations in categories C, D, I, G and K must have an incident management procedure implemented that they regularly test.
11e. Traceability of final products (GFSI)	The BoS approves that in addition to ISO 22000:2005 clause 7.9 and in line with regulatory and statutory requirements in many countries, the CB is required to assess if the organization has specified traceability requirements in place for unique identification of its final products (only for food chain categories C, I and K).	Organizations in categories C, I and K must have specified traceability requirements implemented for the unique identification of its final products.
11f. Procurement of animals, fish and seafood (GFSI)	The BoS approves that in addition to ISO/TS 22002-1:2009 clause 9.2 and in line with regulatory and statutory requirements in many countries, the CB is required to assess if the organization has a policy in place to for the procurement of animals, fish and seafood which are subject to control of prohibited substances such as pharmaceuticals, veterinary medicines, heavy metals and pesticides (only for food chain category CI).	Organizations in category CI must have a policy in place to control the procurement of animals, fish and seafood which are subject to control of prohibited substances such as pharmaceuticals, veterinary medicines, heavy metals and pesticides.

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11g. Animal inspection process (GFSI)	The BoS approves that in addition to ISO/TS 22002-1:2009 clause 10.1 and in line with regulatory and statutory requirements in many countries, the CB is required to assess that the organization has specified requirements for an inspection process at lairage and/or at evisceration to ensure animals are fit for human consumption (only for food chain category CI).	Organizations in category CI must have an inspection process in place at the holding pen and/or slaughterhouse to ensure animals are fit for human consumption.
11h. Slaughter time and temperature (GFSI)	The BoS approves that in addition to ISO/TS 22002-1:2009 clause 16.2, the CB is required to assess that the organization has specified requirements in place that define post-slaughter time and temperature in relation with chilling or freezing of the products (only for food chain category CI).	Organizations in category CI must have specified requirements that define post-slaughter time and temperature in relation with chilling or freezing of the products.
11i. Use of feed ingredients (GFSI)	The BoS approves that in addition to FSSC Additional Requirement clause 2.1.4.8.2, the CB is required to assess that the organization properly manages the use of ingredients that contain substances that can be deleterious to certain classes of animals (for food chain categories DI and DII only).	Organizations in categories DI and DII must demonstrate the management of the use of ingredients that can be deleterious to certain classes of animals.
11j. Packaging with a functional effect on food (GFSI)	The BoS approves that in addition to ISO/TS 22002-4:2013 clause 4.14, the CB is required to assess that the organization has specified requirements in place in case packaging is used to impart or provide a functional effect on food, such as shelf life extension, shall, where known, be effective within its own specified criteria (only for food chain category I).	Organizations in category I must specify requirements for packaging that is used to impart or provide a functional effect on food such as shelf life extension and that the packaging is effective to perform the effect within its own criteria.
11k. Materials transported in the same vehicle (GFSI)	The BoS approves that in addition to ISO/TS 22002-4:2013 clause 4.7, the CB is required to assess that the organization has addressed the potential for contamination from other materials carried on the same vehicle (only for food chain category I).	Organizations in category I must assess and address the potential for contamination of materials from other materials carried on the same vehicle.
11l. Medical screening (GFSI)	The BoS approves that in addition to ISO/TS 22002-4:2013 clause 4.10.5, the CB is required to assess that the organization has a medical screening procedure in place when permitted by law (only for food chain category I).	Organizations in category I must, when permitted by law, have a medical screening procedure for employees, visitors and contractors implemented.
11m. Food contact and claims (GFSI)	The BoS approves that in addition to ISO/TS 22002-4:2013 clause 4.6.3, the CB is required to assess that the organization has specified requirements in place when recycled material, plant based material or functional additives are used, there shall be sufficient data to ensure safe food contact and documentation of claims (only for food chain category I).	Organizations in category I must have sufficient data and documented claims to ensure safe food contact and must specify requirements for the use of recycled materials, plant based materials or functional additives.