

Upgrade FSSC 22000 version 5.1

Dear Customer,

The FSSC22000 has released a new version of its [scheme](#), following an update to the GFSI 2020 benchmarking requirements.

This new version 5.1 was released on 03.11.2020 and is applicable for all audits from 01.04.2021 (first day of the audit).

The most important changes in GFSI 2020: 1 are the requirements for multi-site certification, product development and “Food-Safety Culture”. These subjects have of course been integrated into the new version 5.1 of the FSSC22000 standard.

The new version of the standard, with indication of changes, is available [here](#). Most of the changes are rather minor, the most relevant changes are section 2.5 Additional FSSC Requirements (purchasing, labeling, cross-contamination, PRP verification, product development).

It is important to know that, in accordance with other GFSI standards, the deadline for closing minor nonconformities has been reduced to 28 calendar days after the last day of the audit. In addition, objective proof of the corrective actions taken is expected within this period in order to allow the control body to close the action plan within this period.

This new version of the standard offers additional options for remote audits (fully remote or mixed). The mixed remote FSSC audit is already fully approved by the GFSI and can be performed under accreditation.

The mandatory unannounced audit protocol now also applies to companies wishing to be certified according to the FSSC22000 standard. At least 1 audit in the 3-year cycle must be unannounced.

For more information, you can always contact our local contact or auditor.

Herstal, 08/03/2021
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