



ACCREDITATION RULE 39
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SUBJECT: Accreditation Program for FSSC 22000 Management Systems

APPLIES TO: FSSC 22000 ANAB Accredited and Applicant Certification Bodies

PREFACE

This Accreditation Rule is to inform certification bodies (CBs) of ANAB requirements for accreditation to certify organizations for FSSC 22000 management systems conforming with the Foundation for Food Safety Certification's FSSC 22000, Food Safety System Certification.

ACCREDITATION RULE

1. Requirement Documents (current versions)

- 1.1. FSSC 22000 Part I, Requirements for Organizations that Require Certification (available from <http://www.fssc22000.com>)
- 1.2. FSSC 22000 Part II, Requirements and Regulations for Certification Bodies (available from <http://www.fssc22000.com>)
- 1.3. FSSC 22000 Part III, Requirements and Regulations for Accreditation Bodies (available from <http://www.fssc22000.com>)
- 1.4. ISO 22000, Food Safety Management Systems – Requirements for any organization in the food chain
- 1.5. ISO 22003, Food safety management systems – Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of food safety management systems
- 1.6. PAS 220, Prerequisite programs on food safety for food manufacturing (same as ISO/TS 22002-1)
- 1.7. PAS 223, Prerequisite programs and design requirements for food safety in the manufacture and provision of food packaging
- 1.8. GFSI Guidance Document (available from <http://www.mygfsi.com>)
- 1.9. EA-3/11, Mandatory, Food Safety Management Systems Scope of Accreditation (available from <http://www.european-accreditation.org>)
- 1.10. ISO/IEC 17021, Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems
- 1.11. MA 6000, ANAB Accreditation Manual, and applicable ANAB Accreditation Rules
- 1.12. IAF Mandatory Documents as applicable

2. Prerequisites

- 2.1. A CB shall conform with ISO/IEC 17021 and be accredited by ANAB for ISO 22000 or become accredited concurrently for ISO 22000 and FSSC 22000.

3. Application Process

- 3.1. FSSC 22000 applicant CBs can obtain an application for informational use at www.anab.org.
 - 3.2. The application process outlined at <http://www.anab.org/certification-bodies/become-a-certification-body.aspx> must be completed via ANAB's Enterprise Quality Manager (EQM) database when the CB is ready to apply for FSSC 22000 accreditation.
 - 3.3. The application fee includes the cost of one assessor day for the off-site documentation review.
4. Initial Assessment and Accreditation
 - 4.1. An ANAB accreditation assessor shall conduct a full documentation review.
 - 4.2. After the documents are found acceptable, ANAB shall conduct an office assessment and required witnessed audits.
 - 4.3. If a CB has been granted accreditation by ANAB for ISO 22000 and a provisional license by the Foundation for Food Safety Certification, an office assessment may not be required for FSSC 22000.
 - 4.3.1. The office assessment normally shall be conducted on site and is to be conducted to ensure the CB's certification process for FSSC 22000 conforms with ISO/IEC 17021, ISO 22003, PAS 220 (and PAS 223 when applicable), and the GFSI Guidance Document.
 - 4.4. Because of the addition of the prerequisite program (PRP) requirements in PAS 220 (and PAS 223 when applicable), an initial witnessed audit shall be required for all applicant CBs.
 - 4.4.1. ANAB shall witness the CB conducting a two-stage audit process (stages 1 and 2) to FSSC 22000 unless the CB is accredited by ANAB for ISO 22000 and has a provisional Foundation for Food Safety Certification license and the CB's client is ISO 22000 certified, in which case witnessing a stage 1 audit may not be required.
 - 4.4.1.1. The stage 2 FSSC 22000 audit shall be conducted by a team of at least two auditors of the CB, unless the CB is accredited by ANAB for ISO 22000 and has a provisional Foundation for Food Safety Certification license and the CB's client is ISO 22000 certified, in which case the audit may be conducted by one auditor of the CB.
 - 4.4.1.2. The ANAB assessment team shall have the same number of members as the CB audit team.
 - 4.4.1.3. Because of the level of expertise needed, ANAB may use a technical expert during FSSC 22000 assessments. ANAB will invoice the CB for the cost (fees and expenses) of the technical expert.

- 6.2. ANAB shall conduct a document review, on-site office assessment, and witnessed audit (see GFSI Guidance Document).
 - 6.3. Because of the expertise needed, ANAB may use a technical expert during FSSC 22000 assessments. ANAB will invoice the CB for the cost (fees and expenses) of the technical expert.
7. Scope of Accreditation
- 7.1. The scope of accreditation shall be for the food categories specified in FSSC 22000 Part 1 (which refers to some of the categories from ISO/TS 22003) based on assessment of the CB in accordance with EA-3/11.
8. Confidentiality
- 8.1. ANAB shall provide information to the Foundation for Food Safety Certification (the GFSI scheme owner) as required by FSSC 22000, Part III (reports on a major nonconformity) and the GFSI Guidance Document.
9. Acknowledgements
- 9.1. ANAB acknowledges the FSSC 22000 Board of Stakeholders has sole responsibility for the content of FSSC 22000.
 - 9.2. ANAB acknowledges the Foundation for Food Safety Certification is the legal representative of the FSSC 22000 Board of Stakeholders and the legal owner of FSSC 22000.
 - 9.3. ANAB acknowledges that all decisions made by the FSSC 22000 Board of Stakeholders are binding for the execution of FSSC 22000.