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Notification of FSSC 22000 Version 6.0 Publication

To our FSSC 22000 Certified Clients:

We would like to notify our clients that the FSSC Foundation has published the FSSC 22000 Version 6.0 as of April 2023. This latest version will be mandatory for all audits scheduled after April 1, 2024. Please see the summary of the changes below.

On July 26, 2023, we held a webinar, *A Look at FSSC Version 6*. Here is a link to the recording:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G6J_LFEs8c

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your Project Manager or our PJR customer support team at pjr@pjr.com.

Summary of Changes

For those already certified to version 5.1:

A transition audit will be conducted between April 1, 2024, and March 31, 2025. For those who plan and/or are scheduled to have a second surveillance audit during the transition period, this will be an unannounced audit.

Clients who are new to the standard:

If audits are conducted after April 1, 2024, both stage 1 and stage 2 audits will be conducted against version 6.0. If the stage 1 audit is conducted before March 31, it will be conducted against version 5.1, then followed by a stage 2 audit conducted against version 6.0.

Main Changes in FSSC 22000 Version 6.0

Change to Food Chain Categories

Category codes deleted, added, and unified.

Requirements Added

- Verification and validation of packaging labels
- Criteria of use of recycled packaging
- Detailed management of allergens
- Environmental monitoring
- Quality Control

Change to Audit Time (Addition)

Audit time criteria has been changed along with the transition to Version 6.0 and audit time is foreseen to increase. This change will be applied to all FSSC 22000 certification bodies. The actual audit time will be supplied when scheduling the next audit.

The main changes are explained in further detail in the webinar linked above.