

Certification Regulation for Food Safety MS

Standard or Certification scheme:

ISO 22000:2005 /
ISO 22000:2018

Accreditation Standard:

ISO 17021-1:2015
ISO/TS 22003:2013

Certification Cycle:

The certificate is valid for three years. To maintain the validity of the certificate, annual surveillance audits shall be carried out. Before the expiration date of the certificate, a recertification audit is conducted in order to renew the validity of the certificate for the next three year cycle.

The certification audit is carried out in two stages. Stage 1 has to be implemented at the customer premises. In exceptional circumstances, part of stage 1 can take place off-site and shall be fully justified. The evidence demonstrating that stage 1 objectives are fully achieved shall be provided. Exceptional circumstances can include very remote location, short seasonal production. The interval between the two stages shall not exceed six months. If this period elapses or significant changes occur that affect the MS, stage 1 must be repeated. Stage 1 audit findings may lead to postponement or cancellation of Stage 2. If non conformities are found, they shall be raised until the conduction of stage 2. Audits shall be scheduled in the client's full operating period (eg summer for hotels) and cover a representative part of the scope. No process, product or service that affects the safety of the product can be excluded from the scope.

Audit planning and time table. Surveillance audit process has to be completed annually, with due date the date of the certification decision after the Initial Certification audit. Correspondingly the re-certification audit process has to be completed within the same time frame. Example:

Certification Decision	1 st Surveillance audit	2 nd Surveillance	Re-certification audit
15/7/2020	15/7/2021	15/7/2022	15/7/2023

In case of exceeding time limits certificate is suspended for six months and after this period finally withdrawn.

In recertification audits, a stage 1 may be conducted when there have been significant changes in the management system or in the framework within which it operates (eg changes in legislation), and the client.

Transition audits from ISO 22000:2005 to ISO 22000:2018

Deadline for the adaptation to the requirements of ISO 22000:2018 Standard and the completion of the transition of certified Organizations is set to 29 June 2021

- ✓ The transition period expires on June 29, 2021
- ✓ All certificates issued during the transition period must take account of the above deadline (29/06/2021)

Transition of existing ISO 22000:2005 certificates may be conducted at any time of their validity, upon request of the certified client, within the annual surveillance audit or in an intermediate time of the certification cycle. The transition is possible also in the context of a thorough desk review process of the revised FSMS of the company. It is noted that this is possible for TÜV AUSTRIA existing clients holding a valid certificate. The validity of the certificate will be in continuation to the previous one, retaining its existing expiration date.

Audit Evaluation

1: Full conformity

3: Non Conformity (-ies): Correction through the submission of Documents

Annex to Certification Regulation

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Criteria / Characterization of Non Conformities:	<p>2: (O): Points of Improvement, the effectiveness of the corrective actions are evaluated during the next audit</p>	<p>4: Non Conformity (-ies): Correction through Re-audit</p>
Time allowed to close Non Conformities:	<p>Certification Audit: 2 months after the completion of stage 2. Surveillance Audit: 2 months after the date of the audit or no later than the due date of the Certification Decision Recertification Audit: 2 months after the date of the audit or no later than the due date of the Certification Decision</p>	
Contractual Duration:	<p>The duration of the service and the contractual obligation come into force upon signature by both parties (TÜV AUSTRIA and Client Organization) and is valid for (3) three years after the date of signature of the relevant offer in cases of initial certification or re - certification.</p> <p>In case of Accredited Certification Transfer, the duration covers the validity period of the transferred certificate.</p> <p>In case of transition to a new version of the standard, the duration of contractual obligation is valid until the certification expiry date mentioned on the relative paragraph of the regulation.</p>	