

SLAB POLICY ON TRANSITION TO ISO 22000: 2018

Transition to ISO 22000: 2018

SLAB accredited and applicant Food Safety Management Systems certification bodies are required to comply with the requirements of this policy commencing 1st January 2019. The new ISO 22000:2018 standard was published on the 19th June 2018 and will replace ISO 22000: 2005. The agreed transition period is 3 years from the date of publication and this means that all Food Management Systems Certification Bodies will need to have successfully transferred to the new standard within 3 years from the publication date.

As per the SLAB policy on transition, accreditation granted as per ISO 22000: 2005 would not be valid after 29th June 2021.

Food Safety Management Systems certification bodies (CB) shall develop migration plans to address the following:

- i) Training and verification of competence of auditors and other staff;
- ii) The CB's arrangements for communicating with its clients;
- iii) The CB's arrangements for auditing conformity to the new standard. For example, will it be a single visit or a staged approach.
- iv) How the CB will ensure clients' ongoing conformity to ISO 22000: 2005 through the migration process.
- v) Action to be taken in respect of clients that have failed to complete the migration by three years after the publication of ISO 22000:2018. For example, the level of audit necessary for certification to be restored.

In addition, the following are also applicable for this transition;

1. SLAB is ready to carry out assessments against ISO 22000:2018 after 15th February 2019.
2. SLAB does not accept applications against ISO 22000:2005 after 15th February 2019.
3. All assessments of new applicants (pre-assessments/initial assessments) and SLAB accredited Food Safety Systems Certification Bodies (surveillance assessments/re-assessments) will be conducted in accordance with ISO 22000:2018 from 15th February 2019 onwards as per their assessment schedules.

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4. Food Safety Systems Certification Bodies whose applications were accepted as per ISO 22000:2005 and pending as on 15th February 2019 will be granted accreditation as per ISO 22000:2005 up to 29th June 2020.

Any Application pending on 29th June 2020 shall have to demonstrate compliance to ISO 22000:2018 to be accredited after 29th June 2020.

Accreditation will not be granted as per ISO 22000:2005 after 29th June 2020.

5. Food Safety Systems Certification Bodies granted accreditation as per ISO 22000:2005 before 29th June 2020 shall undergo surveillance assessment to demonstrate their compliance to ISO 22000:2018 as per their normal assessment schedules and complete the process of surveillance assessment on or before 29th April 2021.

SLAB accredited Food Safety Systems Certification Bodies shall be fully compliant with the requirements of the standard ISO 22000:2018 by 28th June 2021.

6. Any exception to the above policy may be granted on a specific request from a Food Safety Systems Certification Body. However, in line with IAF's Resolution, such a Food Safety Systems Certification Body shall have to demonstrate compliance to ISO 22000:2018 by 28th June 2021.

The accreditation of any Food Safety Systems Certification Body which fails to demonstrate compliance to ISO 22000:2018 by 28th June 2021 shall be placed under temporarily suspension for a maximum of 03 months. Failure to comply with ISO 22000:2018 by the end of this period would result in withdrawal of accreditation.

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