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Background

The FSSC Board of Stakeholders (BoS) approved the GFSI List of Findings & Action Plan as part of the benchmarking process of FSSC Scheme version 4.1 against the GFSI Benchmarking Requirements version 7.1 in June.

The final GFSI recognition was received in October and therefore, the action plan has become final to be implemented by the FSSC licensed CBs.

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Applicable to:

- All audits conducted from January 2019
- CB shall communicate this information to its certified organizations in advance
- Portal is updated with this information from January 2019

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11a. Closing Minor NCs

- “The BoS approves that in addition to Annex III to Part IV, for minor NCs issued during a new audit, evidence of the correction shall be sent by the organization to the CB for verification and approval latest 3 months after the audit.”
- Therefore, the current approach to accepting the corrective action plan (CAP) for a minor NC remains unchanged (see Annex III to Part IV). The new expectation is the requirement for evidence of the correction as part of the CAP within 3 months after the audit.

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11b. Product release procedure

In addition to ISO 22000:2005 clause 7.10.3, the CB is required to assess if the organization has a product release procedure in place (only for food chain categories C, I, G and K).

11c. Supplier approval in case of emergency

In addition to the FSSC 22000 Additional Requirement 2.1.4.1, the CB is required to assess if the organization, in case of an emergency, a non-approved supplier shall be assessed and the product shall meet the specification (only for food chain categories C, I, G and K).

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11d. Test of incident management procedure

In addition to ISO 22000:2005 clause 5.7, the CB is required to assess if the organization has an incident management procedure in place that is regularly tested (only for food chain categories C, D, I, G and K).

11e. Traceability of final products

In addition to ISO 22000:2005 clause 7.9 and in line with regulatory and statutory requirements in many countries, the CB is required to assess if the organization has specified traceability requirements in place for unique identification of its final products (only for food chain categories C, I and K).

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11f. Procurement of animals, fish and seafood (GFSI)

In addition to ISO/TS 22002-1:2009 clause 9.2 and in line with regulatory and statutory requirements in many countries, the CB is required to assess if the organization has a policy in place to for the procurement of animals, fish and seafood which are subject to control of prohibited substances such as pharmaceuticals, veterinary medicines, heavy metals and pesticides (**only for food chain category CI**).

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11g. Animal inspection process (GFSI)

In addition to ISO/TS 22002-1:2009 clause 10.1 and in line with regulatory and statutory requirements in many countries, the CB is required to assess that the organization has specified requirements for an inspection process at lairage and/or at evisceration to ensure animals are fit for human consumption (**only for food chain category CI**).

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11h. Slaughter time and temperature

In addition to ISO/TS 22002-1:2009 clause 16.2, the CB is required to assess that the organization has specified requirements in place that define post-slaughter time and temperature in relation with chilling or freezing of the products (only for food chain category CI).

11i. Use of feed ingredients

in addition to FSSC Additional Requirement clause 2.1.4.8.2, the CB is required to assess that the organization properly manages the use of ingredients that contain substances that can be deleterious to certain classes of animals (for food chain categories DI and DII only).

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11j. Packaging with a functional effect on food

In addition to ISO/TS 22002-4:2013 clause 4.14, the CB is required to assess that the organization has specified requirements in place in case packaging is used to impart or provide a functional effect on food, such as shelf life extension, shall, where known, be effective within its own specified criteria (**only for food chain category I**).

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11k. Materials transported in the same vehicle

In addition to ISO/TS 22002-4:2013 clause 4.7, the CB is required to assess that the organization has addressed the potential for contamination from other materials carried on the same vehicle (**only for food chain category I**).

11l. Medical screening

In addition to ISO/TS 22002-4:2013 clause 4.10.5, the CB is required to assess that the organization has a medical screening procedure in place when permitted by law (**only for food chain category I**).

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11m. Food contact and claims

In addition to ISO/TS 22002-4:2013 clause 4.6.3, the CB is required to assess that the organization has specified requirements in place when recycled material, plant based material or functional additives are used, there shall be sufficient data to ensure safe food contact and documentation of claims (**only for food chain category I**).