

# Control safety

FSSC 22000 datasheet

What's new in FSSC 22000 V6?

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# As a globally recognized food safety scheme, the Food Safety System Certification 22000 (FSSC 22000) helps organizations establish and continually manage their food safety management system.

FSSC 22000 Version 6 (V6) incorporates new vital requirements for organizations looking to embed a food safety culture and conform to globally recognized standards.

The latest update incorporates the requirements of ISO 22003-1:2022 and contains strengthened requirements to support organizations in their contributions to meeting the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The revisions also include an updated focus on editorial changes and amendments as part of continuous improvement. The publication of FSSC 22000 V6 will be at the beginning of April 2023.

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## Transitioning to FSSC 22000 version 6

Between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024, there will be a 12-month implementation period to allow users of the standard to review their systems and build in the new requirements. After 31st March 2024 no audits against FSSC 22000 V5.1 will be conducted.

## New to the FSSC 22000 Standard?

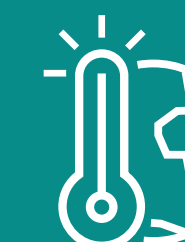
For those who are new to the standard entirely and have never been audited before, the version they will be audited against is dependent on when the audit takes place.

## Three key changes to note:

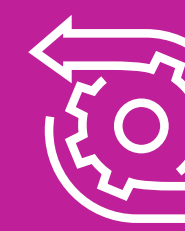
**1** Incorporating the requirements of ISO 22003-1:2022.



**2** Supporting organizations in meeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



**3** Editorial changes and amendments as part of continuous improvement.





## Incorporating the requirements of ISO 22003-1:2022

The FSSC 22200 V6 changes focus on incorporating the requirements of ISO 22003-1:2022.

One key element to the new requirements is the modification of the food chain subcategories. This will directly impact some organizations as they will shift towards a different food safety category during the certification towards FSSC 22000. The update to V6 will impact audit times, with the majority of companies experiencing an initial increase in required audit time.



## Continuous improvement

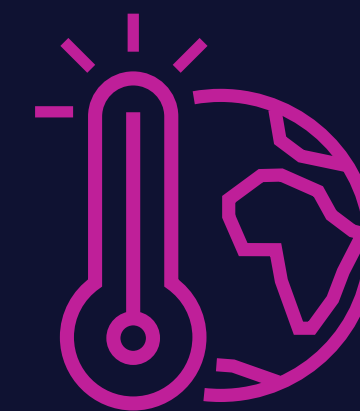
The new update has strengthened requirements for Certification Body (CB) performance as part of continuous improvement. With food safety experts at LRQA, you can manage food safety risk and quality, providing client confidence in your production and supply chain management.

In addition to this, the new update stipulates that an employee shall also have the responsibility for reporting on the performance of the quality system for the purposes of management review and continuous improvement.



## Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

FSSC 22000 V6 also strengthens the requirement to support organizations in their work towards meeting the SDGs, setting public goals directly linked to the UN targets.



## Additional requirements and changes:

### Follow up on major non-conformities

Major non-conformities shall be closed by the CB within 28 calendar days from the last day of the audit. However, if this is not possible, the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) will include the temporary measures necessary to mitigate risks. Where temporary measures are accepted, the CB shall agree a suitable time frame to implement the permanent corrective action.

### Additional audit documentation

There will be additional documentation in the form of an attendance register. This will be signed by a representative of the company and the auditor. This document will include the start and end time of the audit as well as break times. In addition, an integrity declaration shall also be signed by a senior representative of the company during every audit.

### Certificates

Once an organization is certified, they will be presented with their certificate. The certificate will have a QR code printed on it.



## Create FSSC 22000 compliant opportunities with LRQA

At LRQA, we have trained and upskilled our food safety specialists and invested in technology to enable us to audit remotely, following FSSC 22000 criteria. Remote auditing of your management systems offers more flexibility and less disruption without compromising outcomes. Our global network of trusted experts connect with your site and team members remotely to deliver your audit - reducing on-site disruption, the need for travel and the impact on the environment.

Remote auditing allows our experts to review documentation and conduct interviews and site tours using technology. Remote audits can also be co-witnessed by multiple stakeholders within your business, who can interact with auditors via a live stream. This means we deliver remote audits that

are thorough yet practical and will not compromise your security, all while providing the same outcomes that you would expect from an on-site audit.

We have adopted a digital approach which means we can continue to look after your interests – helping you maintain high standards and secure your certification. This means that wherever possible, we will deliver our audits remotely, using the power of technology to make the audit as effective and efficient as possible for you. Through our unique Client Portal, we give you access to all of your audit data, including audit planning and reports, certificates of approval and analysis of your audit findings which provides you with greater insight into your system.

### FSSC 22000 training with LRQA

Our FSSC 22000 training courses, delivered in house or virtual, instructor-led training, is now available for anyone wishing to understand the terminology, definitions and the standard requirements that will enable you to implement FSSC 22000. With practical examples and guidelines for certification, these courses provide clarity and insightful information, delivered by industry experts.

## Why choose LRQA?

We're here to help negotiate a rapidly changing world, by working with you to manage and mitigate the risks you face. From compliance to data-driven supply chain transformation, it's our job to help you shape the future, rather than letting it shape you. We do this by delivering:

### Strategic vision

Our technical know-how, food sector expertise and innovative, forwardthinking approach will help you meet the challenges of today – and become a safer, more secure, and sustainable organization tomorrow.

### Technical expertise

Our people are food sector experts. They bring with them a clear understanding of your specific challenges, standards and requirements – then deploy deep knowledge of certification, customized assurance, cybersecurity, inspection and training to help you meet them.

### Global capability

Operating in more than 120 countries, recognized by over 30 accreditation bodies worldwide, and covering almost every sector, we can help you manage risk, drive improvement and build credibility with stakeholders around the globe.

### Effective partnership

Every business is unique. That's why our experts work with you to fully understand your needs and goals, and work out how we can best support them.

### Fresh perspective

We have led the way in shaping our industry and continue to take every opportunity to collaborate with clients and pioneer new ideas, services and innovation.



# Fresh thinking

## About LRQA:

Bringing together unrivalled expertise in certification, brand assurance and training, LRQA is one of the world's leading providers of food safety and assurance solutions. Working together with farms, fisheries, food manufacturers, restaurants, hotels, and global retailers, we help manage food safety and sustainability risks throughout supply chains and have become a leading global assurance provider.

We're proud of our heritage, but it's who we are today that really matters, because that's what shapes how we partner with our clients tomorrow. By combining strong values, decades of experience in risk management and mitigation and a keen focus on the future, we're here to support our clients as they build safer, more secure, more sustainable businesses.

From independent auditing, certification and training; to technical advisory services; to real-time assurance technology; to data-driven supply chain transformation, our innovative end-to-end solutions help our clients negotiate a rapidly changing risk landscape – making sure they're shaping their own future, rather than letting it shape them.

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