

FSSC2 22000 vs.4 – NEW ELEMENTS

1. Unannounced audits (UA)

- One of the surveillance audits unannounced
- Unannounced audit (US) is full surveillance audit
- Audited site is not notified in advance
- UA takes place during operational working hours and can include night shifts
- A defined blackout period can be agreed
- If UA is refused, certificate shall be suspended immediately, and the certification body shall withdraw the certificate, if the unannounced audit is not conducted within a six-month timeframe.
- If access is denied to the auditor the organization will be liable for all costs.

BLACK- OUT PERIOD

Time periods shared by the applicant or certified organization with the CB that prevents the unannounced audit from occurring when the organization is not operating for legitimate business reasons.

2. Additional FSSC 22000 requirements

3. Requirements for follow-up on audits, grading the nonconformity

Three grading levels:

- Critical nonconformity
- Major nonconformity
- Minor nonconformity

The version 4.1 of FSSC22000 certification scheme does no longer allow the use of opportunities for improvement.

Critical Nonconformity

- A critical nonconformity is issued where there is a critical failure to assure food safety, legality or certification integrity
- When a critical nonconformity is issued at a certified site, the certificate shall be immediately suspended for a maximum period of six (6) months
- A follow-up audit shall be conducted by the CB within the 6 month time frame to verify the closure of the critical nonconformity
- The certificate shall be withdrawn when the critical nonconformity is not effectively solved within the six months time frame
- In case of a certification audit the full certification audit shall be repeated

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Certification is the measure to performance.

4. Additional audit time

- Additional on-site audit time for preparation and reporting the audit is required

5. FSSC 22000 Scope extension

The FSSC vs.4 scheme will be extended with the following activities:

- Storage and distribution (NEN-NTA 8059)
- Catering (ISO/TS 22002-2)
- Retail (BSI-PAS 221)

6. Off-site activities

- For the organizations with a primary manufacturing site and secondary sites under the same overall FSMS and part of the same legal entity, for defined process steps, where is clearly one process involved, resulting in a finished product, which fits within the Scheme scope, the audit shall clearly include all relevant requirements at both the primary and secondary sites and allow audit and audit findings to be identified as site specific.

7. Multi- site

Certification Multi-site and multi-site sampling is only applicable for:

- Storage and distribution
- Catering
- Retail