Certified Organization Identification (COID) Codes

Through the Document BOARD OF STAKEHOLDERS DECISION LIST/ December 2022, The Foundation FSSC 22000 has implemented **Certified Organization Identification Codes (COIDs)** to maintain the traceability of certified organizations within the FSSC Assurance Platform and the industry.

In Part 3 of the Scheme, clause 8.4 for the Assurance Platform, an additional requirement has been included as clause 8.4 (a):

• Each (certified) organization is allocated a unique code in the Assurance Platform that is linked to the organization, namely the **Certified Organization Identification Code (COID)**. **The COID stays with the organization to ensure traceability, also in the event of a transfer.** The Certification Body shall communicate the COID code to the organization once generated in the Assurance Platform, and to the accepting Certification Body when requested in the case of a transfer.

In Part 3 of the Scheme, clause 7.2 for certificate design and content, an additional requirement has been included as clause 7.2 (6):

• The Certified Organizations Identification Code (COID) shall be included on the FSSC 22000 certificate.

Existing FSSC 22000 certificates shall be updated by the Certification Body to include the COID following the next audit that is due in 2023.

In addition:

a) **The Cerification Body shall undertake mass communication to all certified organizations regarding the nature and implementation of the COID code, and that it will be displayed and available on the FSSC public register by 31 January 2023**.

b) Should Certification Bodies want to do communicate the specific COID to individual organizations, in addition to a) above, that is possible until 31 March 2023.

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