



## **NABCB Policy on Transition to FSSC 22000 Version 6**

**In view of publication of FSSC 22000 Version 6, NABCB has laid down its Transition Policy as defined below:**

NABCB operates its accreditation schemes based on international/other standards approved by NABCB Board. The certification bodies are expected to comply with relevant ISO/IEC standards, IAF / APAC documents, Scheme owner requirements that have been adopted by the Board as its criteria.

FSSC published Version 6 Upgrade Process Requirements on **01<sup>st</sup> April 2023**(First Issue).

CB Audits against the FSSC 22000 Scheme Version 5.1 are only allowed to be delivered up to **31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**.

CB shall conduct upgrade audits against FSSC 22000 scheme Version 6 from **01<sup>st</sup> April 2024 until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**.

### **CB Action:**

The CB shall submit the following to NABCB to undertake document review by **30<sup>th</sup> November 2023**:

- The CBs GAP analysis that shall as a minimum cover the change from ISO/TS 22003: 2013 to ISO 22003-1: 2022 as well as the scheme changes in Version 6;
- The CBs transition process requirements and implementation plan
- Relevant documentation for the changes, including evidence of implementation.
- Information to certified clients about FSSC 22000 Scheme Version 6;
- Training of all CB Personnel involved in the certification process for the new FSSC 22000 scheme Version 6.
- Re-qualification of auditors for specific (sub) categories, as detailed under 2.2.1 of FSSC 22000 Version 6 upgrade process document.
- Licensing of CBs for specific (sub) categories, as detailed under 2.2.3.1 of FSSC 22000 Version 6 upgrade process document.
- Identified deficiencies (if any) in the CB Management system shall be covered by an action plan.
- A Declaration Statement from the Management as a commitment confirming that the CB is ready for and in compliance with FSSC 22000 Version 6 Scheme requirements based on a comprehensive Internal audit.



**NABCB Action:**

- NABCB shall conduct document review of the CB documents for transition to FSSC Version 6 for 0.5 Manday.
- NABCB shall conduct an office assessment (if required) based on the outcome of the document review.
- Following a successful document review and/or office assessment, NABCB shall re-align the categories & sub-categories within the accreditation scope as per ISO 22003-1:2022, in accordance with the changes in specific (sub) categories as detailed under the Cl. 2.2.3.1 of requirements Version 6 upgrade process.
- NABCB shall issue a new accreditation certificate to the CB for the scope of FSSC Version 6 Scheme with the minimum content as referenced in Annex 4 of FSSC Version 6.
- During the next scheduled Surveillance visit of CB, NABCB shall verify the implementation of the FSSC 22000 Version 6 Scheme requirements.
- The transition process for FSSC Version 6 shall be completed before **31<sup>st</sup> January 2024**.

**New CBs requiring accreditation:**

Where a new CB undertake the initial accreditation process for FSSC 22000 in 2023, the accreditation and witness audit shall be against Version 5.1 of the scheme and shall be in accordance with ISO/TS 22003:2013. Subsequently, NABCB shall provide accreditation to Version 6 of the FSSC 22000 scheme, and the corresponding ISO 22003-1:2022. Both versions of the scheme will be reflected in the Accreditation schedule.

In case the CB applies for accreditation from **01<sup>st</sup> January 2024** onwards, the accreditation shall be to ISO 22003-1: 2022 and where the NABCB witness assessment is conducted before **31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**, the witness audit shall be conducted against Version 5.1. In these cases, the CB shall also be able to demonstrate compliance to the NABCB on the Version 6 requirements (through document review), but an additional witness audit to Version 6 is not required. Where the witness assessment is conducted from **1<sup>st</sup> April 2024** onwards, the witness assessment shall be against FSSC 22000 Version 6.