



NABCB Policy on Transition for ISO 22003-1:2022

Introduction:

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 and IAF / APAC documents that have been adopted by the Board as its criteria.

Currently, the Management Systems accreditation schemes are based on ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, supplemented by sector specific ISO/IEC standards, as applicable.

ISO 22003-1: 2022 Food safety — Part 1: Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of food safety management systems was **published in June 2022**

IAF MD 27: 2023-Transition Requirements for ISO 22003-1:2022

This document provides information on transition requirements of normative documents ISO/TS 22003:2013 to ISO 22003-1:2022 to be followed by IAF MLA accreditation bodies and accredited CBs (Certification Bodies), with the scope as detailed in this document. The document is mandatory for all IAF MLA Accreditation Bodies and accredited CBs, and the transition time allowed by IAF is 3 years from the date of publication of ISO 22003-1:2022.

(The NABCB accredited / applicant CBs for FSMS are advised to refer to IAF MD 27:2023 for more details and actions required.) **Date of Issue & Implementation of NABCB Transition Policy for ISO 22003-1:2022: 01 November 2023**

NABCB Policy:

NABCB applicant / accredited certification bodies for Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS) are required to adapt ISO 22003-1:2022, as part of the accreditation criteria for the scope in accordance with standard requirements of ISO/IEC 17021-1 scheme under the IAF MLA. NABCB is required to evaluate the operations and planning of accredited certification bodies to ensure that all **transitions are completed by 31st December 2024**

This policy shall apply to all accredited and applicant certification bodies seeking accreditation from NABCB for the Food Safety Management System in accordance with ISO/IEC 17021-1 & ISO 22003-1:2022.

This NABCB policy shall remain current until 31st December 2024.

Implementation:

NABCB has approved the following policy for transition:



1. All CBs accredited to ISO/IEC 17021-1 for FSMS scheme shall submit a plan for transition by **30th November 2023**. The transition plan of CB shall clearly indicate the date by which the CB would transition to ISO 22003-1:2022. The documented date in the CB's plan shall ensure transition of its clients at the earliest during the surveillance / recertification audit, followed by the accredited CB's successful evaluation of transition by NABCB.
2. NABCB is ready to carry out transition assessment against ISO 22003-1:2022 from **1st November 2023**. This can be part of the upcoming office assessment (surveillance / reassessment) with addition of 0.5 man-day onsite for assessing compliance to transition requirements. If this is planned as a separate assessment, 1.0 assessment man-day will be considered for the transition assessment.
3. Certification bodies whose applications are currently under process as per ISO/TS 22003:2013 and for whose initial office & witness assessments have been completed, shall be required to complete the accreditation process by **31st March 2024**, and achieve accreditation from NABCB. Such CBs will be required to submit their plan for implementation of ISO 22003-1:2022 by **30th April 2024**, and will be required to undergo early first Surveillance or an assessment for transition. i.e., latest by **31st October 2024**.
4. Alternatively, all initial accreditation applicants whose applications are pending as on the date of publication of this policy, and whose initial office and/or witness assessments are to be carried out, shall demonstrate conformity to ISO 22003-1:2022, in addition to ISO/IEC 17021-1 before a decision is taken for grant of accreditation. This demonstration of conformity shall be through a special assessment of 1.0 man-day or shall be evaluated during the normal assessment process (Document review and/or Office assessment as applicable depending on the progress of assessment for the concerned applicant CB).
5. Transition of accredited certification bodies shall normally be carried out during their routine Surveillance / Re-assessment activity, as applicable, with addition of 0.5 man-day onsite for verifying compliance to ISO 22003-1:2022. It will be carried out either as part of normal Surveillance / Re-assessment process with addition of 0.5 man-day onsite, or through a separate 1.0 man-day assessment for assessment of revised documents, competence, audit records etc. The accredited CB shall be required to submit specific details of changes made in its documentation.
6. Failure to demonstrate compliance to ISO 22003-1:2022 shall lead to raising of non-conformity and which shall have to be effectively closed within timelines



prescribed in NABCB accreditation procedure or 30 November 2024, whichever is earlier. Transition of accredited certification bodies to the revised standard shall have to be effectively completed by **31st December 2024**.

7. All applications (initial accreditation applicant or scope extension) from the date of publication of this Policy would be accepted as per ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and ISO 22003-1:2022.
8. Failure to comply with requirements of ISO 22003-1:2022 by **31st December 2024** shall lead to Suspension of accreditation by NABCB. The accreditation of CB may remain suspended for a maximum of 6 months. Failure to comply with ISO 22003-1:2022 by the end of this period shall result in withdrawal of accreditation.
9. **Timeline for CB activity:**

CB Activity	Due Date
CAB may use ISO 22003-1:2022 for all initial clients after accreditation for ISO 22003-1:2022	Date to be determined for each CB based on transition date, but no later than 24 months from publication month of document – 30 June 2024 or transition of the accreditation, whichever is later.
CAB to use ISO 22003-1:2022 for all clients no later than	30 months from publication month of document - 31 December 2024
**CABs to implement all changes impacting their existing clients such as sampling and audit time calculations no later than	36 months from publication month of document - 30 June 2025.

**** For existing certified clients:** As requirements for multisite sampling and audit time determination have changed in the 2022 edition, it is acceptable that the contract between the CAB and the client is revised to follow new requirements. The revision must be completed to allow CABs sufficient time to implement all changes necessary by no later than 31 December 2024. Implementation must ensure that by 31 May 2025 all clients have been audited in accordance with the revised requirements, as an example any sites that are no longer eligible for sampling have been audited.