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**Procedure for covering
Food Safety System Certification 22000 Scheme**

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NABCB Procedure for Accreditation of Certification Bodies for Food Safety System Certification 22000

0.0 Scope

This document describes the procedure to be followed by the National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) in processing applications from the Certification Bodies (CBs) seeking to cover Food Safety System Certification 22000 (FSSC) Scheme in their scope of FSMS accreditation.

1.0 Application

1.1 Any certification body interested in the accreditation of NABCB to cover FSSC 22000 Scheme may apply to NABCB.

- A new certification body shall send an application for accreditation as per ISO/IEC 17021/ISO 22003-1 using NABCB format BCB: 001(FSMS) and indicate FSSC 22000 under item 7 along with the applicable application fee
- A CB already accredited for Food Safety Management Systems as per ISO/IEC 17021/ISO 22003-1 shall send a request for scope extension on its letterhead along with the application fee as prescribed in BCB F002. Please refer NABCB Fee structure BCB F002 on NABCB website <https://nabcb.qci.org.in>

1.2 The filled application form for NABCB accreditation shall be duly signed by the CEO/authorized representative/s of the CB seeking accreditation. Request for extension shall be either e-mailed by an authorized person or letter sent shall be duly signed by authorized person.

1.3 The CB shall indicate the desired scope (C, D, E or K as per Annex A.1 – ISO 22003-1) for which they are seeking accreditation.

2.0 Assessment

2.1 A new CB shall undergo accreditation process as per NABCB accreditation procedure for Food Safety Management System, BCB 201(FSMS) including the additional requirement of FSSC 22000.

2.2 In case a CB is already accredited by NABCB for FSMS (ISO/IEC 17021/ISO 22003-1) for other scope/s, a one-man day onsite document review and office assessment shall be conducted by NABCB for verifying documentation and implementation of the system relating to FSSC 22000.

2.3 After successful completion of the above assessments, NABCB shall conduct one witness audit for each scope applied under the Scheme as per grouping system of BCB 201 (FSMS) (i.e. for C, D and E, if C is offered then one witness audit is needed). When a CB



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is accredited by NABCB for ISO 22003-1, then NABCB may grant all the scopes which are granted under ISO 22003-1 accreditation with 1 witness in any category for FSSC.

3.0 Decision

Based on the outcome of the above assessments, decision on grant or extension of scope/s would be taken.



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Annexure-1

Obligations of Certification Body

The GFSI Benchmarking Requirements version 2020.1, Part 2, Section 2.20 - Accreditation of Certification Bodies require that where the range of certification services offered by a Certification Body is wider than the range of those accredited, the Certification Body shall ensure that they make clearly and publicly available the limits and scope of their accreditation.

Certification Bodies shall ensure the followings:

- Ensure that their websites comply with the above-mentioned GFSI requirement.
- The scope of this requirement only relates to GFSI benchmarked Schemes, in which case it would need to be clearly stated that the Schemes are offered as accredited certification.
- Include a link to their NABCB website on the relevant Scheme(s) page to indicate their scope of accreditation or attach their accreditation schedules.
- Where Scheme-related programs exist, e.g., the FSSC Development Program, indicate clearly on the CBs website that it is an unaccredited program.



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Nov 2017	CEO, NABCB	Revision in clause 2.2.1
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