



**SRAC POLICY ON
transition to FSSC 22000**

version 6

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1. Preamble

In April 2023 version 6 of the FSSC 22000 was published. This new version replaces version 5.1.

The main reasons for this change are:

- Inclusion of ISO 22003-1:2022 requirements;
- Strengthening requirements to support organisations in their efforts to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Editorial changes or amendments as part of the continuous improvement process

2. Preparation and implementation of the transition (upgrade) to FSSC 22000 version 6

According to the document "Requirements for FSSC 22000 version 6 upgrade process" issued by FSSC 22000 in April 2023:

- all FSSC 22000 audits will be carried out according to the new version from **01.04.2024** until **31 March 2025** (a V6 audit before 1 April 2024 is not possible);
- FSSC 22000 V 5.1 audits are only permitted until 31 March 2024.
- A transition (update) audit is a full audit in accordance with the new FSSC 22000 V6 requirements and can be performed unannounced when necessary to meet the requirement to perform an unannounced audit within the three-year cycle.
- The SRAC is required to extend its current scope of accreditation to version 6 of the FSSC 22000 Scheme.
- SRAC will carry out all the necessary activities in order to notify RENAR about the process of updating its management system according to the requirements of FSSC 22000 version 6 until 31.12.2023 and will inform its customers about the way to make the transition to the new requirements of FSSC 22000 version 6.

Accreditation to FSSC 22000 V6 will be achieved by 31 March 2024.

- For initial certification audits (Stage 1 + Stage 2): both Stage 1 and Stage 2 audits will be carried out according to version 6 when the audit takes place from 1 April 2024 *OR* Stage 1 is carried out according to version 5.1 (when carried out before 1 April 2024) and Stage 2 according to version 6 when carried out from 1 April 2024.
- The head office audit will also be carried out against the V6 requirements if the audit at the point of operation is to be carried out against V6 and therefore the head office audit will need to be carried out on or after 1 April 2024.

2.1 Certificate

- for certified organisations that successfully complete the transition audit to V6, FSSC 22000 V5.1 certificates are required to be upgraded to version 6; in addition to the COID (Certified Organization Identification Code), which was introduced in 2023, version 6 of the Scheme requires the inclusion of a QR code on the certificate.
- Version 6 will be mentioned in the audit report, audit plan, audit programme and on the FSSC 22000 portal.
- In the case of a surveillance audit to version 6, the expiry date of the V5.1 certificate is retained.
- The SRAC must complete the transition of V6-certified organisations to the FSSC Assurance Platform by 31 May 2025. All remaining V5.1 certificates after May 31, 2025 will be automatically removed from the Assurance Platform and will no longer be visible in the public registry of certified organizations on the FSSC website.



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2.2 Audit time

- The audit time has been increased to ensure a thorough audit that meets the audit objectives, as well as to take into account the new additional requirements that have been included in version V6 of FSSC 22000 and in accordance with ISO 22003-1:2022 requirements.
- The calculation of audit time for all certified organisations will be revised according to the new requirements. Therefore, the audit duration for a transition (update) audit applies to the next planned periodic audit, regardless of whether it is a surveillance or recertification audit. The audit duration is calculated in accordance with the requirements of the Scheme included in Part 3, section 4.3, 5.2 and 5.3 as appropriate.