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National Foreword

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Introduction

Certification of the food safety management system (FSMS) of an organization is one means of providing assurance that the organization has implemented a system for the management of food safety in line with its policy.

Requirements for an FSMS can originate from a number of sources. This Technical Specification has been developed to assist in the certification of FSMS that fulfil the requirements of ISO 22000. The contents of this Technical Specification can also be used to support certification of FSMS that are based on other sets of specified FSMS requirements.

This Technical Specification is intended for use by bodies that carry out audit and certification of FSMS by providing generic requirements for such bodies. Such bodies are referred to as certification bodies. This wording is not intended to be an obstacle to the use of this Technical Specification by bodies with other designations that undertake activities covered by the scope of this Technical Specification. This Technical Specification is intended to be used by anybody involved in the assessment of FSMS. It can also be used to support other types of food safety certifications based on a combination of ISO/IEC 17021 and ISO/IEC 17065.

Certification activities involve the audit of an organization's FSMS. The form of attestation of conformity of an organization's FSMS to a specific FSMS standard (e.g. ISO 22000) or other specified requirements is normally a certification document or a certificate.

It is for the organization being certified to develop its own management systems (e.g. FSMS in accordance with ISO 22000, other sets of specified FSMS requirements, quality management systems, environmental management systems or occupational health and safety management systems) and, other than where relevant legislative requirements specify to the contrary, it is for the organization to decide how the various components of these will be arranged. The degree of integration between the various management system components will vary from organization to organization. It is therefore appropriate for certification bodies that operate in accordance with this Technical Specification to take into account the culture and practices of their clients with respect to the integration of their FSMS within the wider organization.

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1 Scope

This Technical Specification defines the rules applicable for the audit and certification of a food safety management system (FSMS) complying with the requirements given in ISO 22000 (or other sets of specified FSMS requirements). It also provides the necessary information and confidence to customers about the way certification of their suppliers has been granted.

Certification of FSMS is a third-party conformity assessment activity (as described in ISO/IEC 17000:2004, 5.5), and bodies performing this activity are third-party conformity assessment bodies.

NOTE 1 In this Technical Specification, the terms “product” and “service” are used separately (in contrast with the definition of “product” given in ISO/IEC 17000).

NOTE 2 This Technical Specification can be used as a criteria document for the accreditation or peer assessment of certification bodies which seek to be recognized as being competent to certify that an FSMS complies with ISO 22000. It is also intended to be used as a criteria document by regulatory authorities and industry consortia which engage in direct recognition of certification bodies to certify that an FSMS complies with ISO 22000. Some of its requirements could also be useful to other parties involved in the conformity assessment of such certification bodies, and in the conformity assessment of bodies that undertake to certify the compliance of FSMS with criteria additional to, or other than, those in ISO 22000.

FSMS certification does not attest to the safety or fitness of the products of an organization within the food chain. However, ISO 22000 requires an organization to meet all applicable food-safety-related statutory and regulatory requirements through its management system.

NOTE 3 Certification of an FSMS according to ISO 22000 is a management system certification, not a product certification.

Other FSMS users can use the concepts and requirements of this Technical Specification provided that the requirements are adapted as necessary.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 22000:2005, *Food safety management systems — Requirements for any organization in the food chain*

ISO/IEC 17000:2004, *Conformity assessment — Vocabulary and general principles*

ISO/IEC 17021:2011, *Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems*