
**Food safety management systems —
Requirements for bodies providing audit
and certification of food safety
management systems**

*Systèmes de management de la sécurité des denrées alimentaires —
Exigences pour les organismes procédant à l'audit et à la certification
de systèmes de management de la sécurité des denrées alimentaires*



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