
**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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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.