BUSINESS CHALLENGE

Due to increasing demand and pressure from consumers, all actors throughout the supply chain are required to demonstrate compliance with a recognized Food Safety standard. FSSC 22000 is a complete certification scheme for Food Safety Management Systems and is based on existing certification standard ISO 22000 and technical specifications for Pre-requisite Programs (PRPs).

SOLUTION

What is FSSC 22000?
FSSC 22000 is a certification scheme for the food supply chain and is owned by the Foundation of Food Safety Certification. It includes the following requirements:
- Food Safety Management System, in accordance with ISO 22000
- Technical specifications for sector Pre-requisite Programs (PRPs)
- Additional scheme requirements

What are the key benefits?
- An international food safety scheme
- Benchmarked and recognized by the Global Food Safety Initiative* (manufacturing)
- Based on recognized and international standards
- Utilizes a process-based approach
- Effectively controls internal processes, minimizes food risks and increases consumer confidence in food
- Reinforces a proactive approach to food safety
- Keeps the focus on your essential challenges

WHY CHOOSE BUREAU VERITAS?

- Food Expertise - Bureau Veritas Certification can help every player in the food supply chain meet the highest standards of Quality, Health & Safety and Environmental compliance. Our auditors and inspectors are dedicated to specific sectors, they are able to assess your processes and deliver a high quality service.
- Recognition - Bureau Veritas Certification signed an agreement with the Foundation of Food Safety Certification and is now one of the associated certification bodies. Additionally, Bureau Veritas Certification is part of the ISO technical committee, TC34/SC17 (Management Systems for Food Safety) and was the first international certification body worldwide to obtain ISO 22000 accreditation from DANAK. We are also accredited worldwide by UKAS, the international accreditation body.
- Network - We operate in more than 100 countries. This global presence means that our clients receive the double advantage of international expertise combined with a genuine depth of local knowledge (language, culture, laws, customs, etc.) ensuring a high quality audit.
- Mark of Global recognition - The Bureau Veritas Certification Mark is a globally recognized symbol of your organization’s ongoing commitment to excellence, sustainability and reliability.

* The Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) is a non-profit foundation dedicated to improving food safety systems.
OUR CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Key steps in our certification process are:
- Definition of certification scope
- Pre-audit (optional): gap analysis and diagnosis of your current position against the standard
- Certification audit performed in 2 stages:
  - Stage 1 – readiness review performed to verify that the organization is ready for certification
  - Stage 2 – evaluation of implementation, including the effectiveness of the management system of the organization
- A certificate valid for 3 years is issued upon satisfactory results of stage 2 audit
- Surveillance audits to verify that the management system continues to fulfill the requirements of the standard and monitor the continual improvement
- Re-certification after 3 years to confirm the continued conformance and effectiveness of the management system as a whole

FAQ

Does FSSC 22000 apply to all “actors” throughout the food chain?
The FSSC 22000 is continuing to expand its scope and adopt new Pre-requisite Programs. The scheme is applicable to manufacturing and packaging companies and other actors along the food chain that have sector technical specifications included in the FSSC 22000 scheme.

If I have already been certified to ISO 9001, should I replace it with FSSC 22000?
No. FSSC 22000 should be seen as a complement to ISO 9001. ISO 9001 is related to quality while FSSC 22000 with food safety. When combined, the resulting system will deliver excellence in food manufacturing & supply.

If I am already certified to other standards, what steps will be necessary for FSSC 22000 compliance?
If your company is already certified in compliance with the British Retail Consortium (BRC) or the International Featured Standard (IFS), you will need a commitment from top management, a documented HACCP analysis and a review of in-house and external communication system. If your organization is already certified against ISO 22000, then you will only have to implement the Pre-requisites Programs, in accordance with the respective PAS requisites, and additional scheme requirements.

Should I train internal auditors on the FSSC 22000 scheme?
The FSSC 22000 scheme requires that competent auditors perform internal audits. Bureau Veritas Certification offers 3 to 5 day ISO 22000 IRCA registered training sessions which can be arranged in-house and combined with FSSC 22000 requirements.