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*Addressed to: Prospects and customers with a certification in the FSSC 22000 program.*

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### ***Transition FSSC 22000 v5.1 to FSSC 22000 v6.0***

The FSSC 22000 program is in the process of being updated, the FSSC 22000 Foundation released a notice with a detailed plan for the transition process from version 5.1 to version 6.0, it is important to consider the following points to ensure an effective transition process.

#### **1.- Documents to consider.**

##### **FSSC official documents:**

The Foundation published the FSSC 22000 SCHEME VERSION 6.0 documents which can be considered by certified organizations, as these set out the changes made to the scheme from version 5.1 to 6.0, available at the following link:

***<https://www.fssc.com/schemes/fssc-22000/documents/fssc-22000-version-6/>***

##### **Global Standards information material:**

- Webinar: FSSC 22000 V6 Certification Scheme Update, an informative conference where the main changes from version 5.1 to version 6 are presented.

***<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=970IKq7lOTc>***

- Webinar: Additional requirements FSSC 22000 V6, an informative conference where the 18 additional requirements, the process and use of TICs in the remote audits of version 6, and the transition times for organizations that already have the certification or are in the process of obtaining it are discussed.

***<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3dbQa-QrVFU>***

#### **2.- Main reasons for updating the FSSC 22000 program.**

- The publication of the new version of the ISO 22003-1:2022 standard.
- Strengthening of requirements to support organizations in their contributions to meeting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Editorial changes and amendments as part of continuous improvement.

#### **3.- FSSC 22000 v6.0 transition process and FSSC 22000 v5.1 certifications.**

- Organizations certified in FSSC 22000 v5.1 should contact their commercial executive to request information on the update of the scheme in version 6.
- The commercial dossier will be updated to version 6 of the FSSC 22000 scheme,
- A Global Standards planning, and logistics executive will contact you to follow up on scheduling dates to conduct your audit event.
- Global Standards will be able to perform audits under the FSSC 22000 v5.1 scheme until February 29, 2024 for those organizations where the certificate decision date is April 30. Transition audits to FSSC 22000 v6 will be carried from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025, considering one year for your transition.
- In the case of a transition surveillance audit, the expiration date of the V5.1 certificate will be maintained.

#### **4.- Issuance of FSSC 22000 v6.0 Certificates.**

Global Standards will update the FSSC 22000 certificates of certified organizations after the successful completion of the transition audit process to version 6 of the scheme. As of May 31, 2025, all FSSC v5.1 certificates will change their status from “Active” to “Cancelled” on both the Global Standards website and the Assurance Platform public registry of FSSC 22000 certified organizations.

#### **5.- Communication with clients.**

In accordance with the transition process, Global Standards considers the following forms of communication with customers:

1. Webinar (informative, lectures on the main changes).
2. Notices (sent by email to all certified customers).
3. Website (transition rules, releases, and FAQs).

To validate the effectiveness of communication, Global Standards will monitor users' frequently asked questions on the website.

All transition process requirements described in this release are based on FSSC 22000 Foundation requirements; however, there may be additional requirements set by Accreditation Bodies.

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