News from MAURITAS on the publication of new Food Safety Standards – ISO 22003-1:2022 and IAF MD 27:2023

Following the revision of ISO/TS 22003:2013, the International Organisation for Standardization (ISO) has published the new ISO standards namely, ISO 22003-1:2022 and ISO 22003-2 :2022 on food safety in June 2022.

ISO 22003-1:2022 specifies the requirements for the audit and certification of a food safety management system (FSMS) complying with the requirements given in ISO 22000 (or other specified FSMS requirements).

This standard 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 or other sets of specified FSMS requirements.

The International Accreditation Forum (IAF) has developed an IAF Mandatory document (IAF MD 27:2023) for certification bodies which are implementing the Food Safety Management System certification scheme. IAF MD 27:2023 provided information on transition requirements to certification bodies which are transiting from ISO/TS 22003: 2013 to the new ISO 22003-1:2022 standard.

As at date, MAURITAS is providing the following transition information regarding the processes and timeframes associated with the implementation of the new standard as decided by IAF.

CAB may use ISO 22003-1:2022 for all initial clients after accreditation for ISO 22003-1:2022	Date to be determined for each CB based on transition date, but no later than 24 months from publication month of document – 30 June 2024 or transition of the accreditation, whichever is later.
CAB to use ISO 22003-1:2022 for all clients no later than	30 months from publication month of document - 31 December 2024)
CABs to implement all changes impacting their existing clients such as sampling and audit time calculations no later than	36 months from publication month of document - 30 June 2025.

MAURITAS will circulate the IAF MD document to certification bodies. MAURITAS will also prepare a transition plan and will get it endorsed by the MAURITAS Advisory Council and relevant Technical Advisory Committee shortly.

MAURITAS is also considering the changes and shall be preparing for transition through training. MAURITAS shall keep its certification bodies updated on any further information.

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