

**Accreditation Criteria
For
Food Safety Management Systems Certification
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0.0 Foreword:

The Government of India and the Indian Industry came together to establish the accreditation system in response to the need of the industry and the certification bodies of Quality Management Systems (QMS), Environmental Management Systems (EMS) and other Management Systems, who were largely dependent on the accreditation system of Europe and US.

A Council with representation from Government, Industry, Certification Bodies, Non Government Organizations (NGO), etc. was formed and named as the Quality Council of India. This Council was entrusted with the task of establishing the national accreditation system in India. A National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies was established to implement the accreditation of the Certification Bodies.

The initial set of criteria for FSMS accreditation approved by the Board is based on ISO/IEC 17021 and ISO/TS 22003:2007. The criteria is based on ISO/IEC 17021 and ISO/TS 22003:2007 to facilitate harmonization of certification process in India and signing of mutual/multilateral agreements with other countries, regional and international forums.

1.0 Scope:

This document specifies the requirements that a third party certification body operating a Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS) Certification programme shall meet if it is to be recognized by the Board as competent and reliable in the operation of FSMS Certification.

2.0 Criteria:

2.1 The Certification Bodies seeking accreditation for Food Safety Management Systems Certification shall comply with the requirements specified in ISO/IEC 17021 and ISO/TS 22003:2007,

2.2 The certification scheme will be assessed for the equivalence to the FSMS requirements of ISO 22000 or any other an equivalent document approved by the Board

A copy of ISO/IEC 17021 and / or ISO/TS 22003:2007 can be obtained from the Bureau of Indian Standards or from ISO Secretariat. ISO 22000 has been adopted as IS/ISO22000 and can be obtained from the Bureau of Indian Standards.

3.0 Guidance on the Requirements of ISO/TS 22003:2007

The Board has provided explanations for some of the provisions of ISO/TS 22003:2007.

A copy of Guidance on application of ISO/TS 22003:2007 is enclosed with the application package as BCB-115G.

If any further clarifications on the accreditation criteria are required, the same will be issued by the Board.

4.0 Scope of Accreditation

The Board has adopted the scope of accreditation based on Table A.1 of ISO/TS 22003:2007. These scopes have been grouped in 4 groups as given in Annex 3 of BCB 201(FSMS) Dec 2007 for the purpose of witnessing.

5.0 Time of the Audits undertaken by the Certification Body

The Certification body shall have procedures to determine the audit man days required for audit in accordance with any specific field or a different normative document, based on the increase/decrease in the audit activity in accordance with provisions of Table B.1 of ISO/TS 22003:2007