



# National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies

## NABCB Transition Policy for ISO/TS 22003:2013 For Applicant / Accredited FSMS Certification Bodies

NABCB operates its accreditation schemes based on international/other standards approved by the NABCB Board. The certification bodies are expected to comply with relevant ISO/IEC standards/IAF/PAC documents that have been adopted by the Board as its criteria.

Accreditation of FSMS was based on ISO/TS 22003:2007. ISO/TS 22003:2007 has been revised as ISO/TS 22003:2013 wef 15 December 2013 to include additional requirements and align its structure with ISO/IEC 17021:2011.

The International Accreditation Forum (IAF) has drafted the following resolution:

“The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that the transition period for ISO/TS 22003:2013 be three years from the date of publication.

Note: The date of publication is 15 December 2013.”

According to the above, accreditation to ISO/TS 22003:2007 would not be valid after 14 December 2016.

Keeping in view the processing times for new applications, NABCB Board has approved the following policy for transition;

Date	Plan of Action
15 December 2013 onwards	NABCB would start accepting applications based on revised standard.
15 December 2014	Applications on or after 15 December 2014 for NABCB Accreditation shall only be accepted in accordance with ISO/TS 22003:2013.  Applications for NABCB Accreditation from FSMS in accordance with ISO/TS 22003:2007 ( <i>i.e. old version of standard</i> ) shall not be accepted after 14 Dec 2014.  All assessments (Initial/Surveillance/Re-assessment) of Applicants and NABCB Accredited FSMS Certification Bodies shall be conducted in accordance with ISO/TS 22003:2013 from 15 December 2014 onwards as per their normal schedules.  <b>NABCB assessors will raise Concerns if the CB has not yet implemented</b>



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	<p>ISO/TS 22003:2013. The Concerns shall need to be addressed within 6 months failing which they will be upgraded as NCs.</p>
15 June 2015	<p>FSMS certification bodies whose applications were accepted as per ISO/TS 22003:2007 (<i>i.e. old version of standard</i>) shall be granted accreditation as per old version upto 14 June 2015.</p> <p>Any application pending on 15 June 2015 shall have to demonstrate compliance to ISO/TS 22003:2013 to be accredited.</p> <p>No accreditation shall be granted as per ISO/TS 22003:2007 beyond 14 June 2015</p> <p>NABCB AT shall raise NCs against the requirements for ISO/TS 22003:2013 after 15 June 2015.</p>
15 June 2016	<p>FSMS Certification Bodies granted accreditation as per ISO/TS 22003:2007 before 15 June 2015 shall undergo Surveillance assessment to demonstrate their compliance to ISO/TS 22003:2013 as per their normal schedules and complete the process of Surveillance assessment on or before 15 June 2016.</p> <p>NABCB Accredited FSMS Certification Bodies shall be fully compliant with the requirements of the standard ISO/TS 22003:2013 by 15 June 2016.</p>
Until 14 December 2016	<p>Any exception to the above policy may be granted on a specific request from a FSMS Certification Body which would be considered on merit. However, such an FSMS Certification Body shall have to demonstrate compliance to ISO/TS 22003:2013 by 14 December 2016.</p> <p>The accreditation of any FSMS Certification Body which fails to demonstrate compliance to ISO/TS 22003:2013 by 14 Dec 2016 shall be withdrawn. Such certification bodies shall receive a notice of withdrawal one month in advance.</p>

Note: NABCB would conduct a one man-day document review prior to the assessment against ISO/TS 22003:2013.