

ISO 22000 FSMS THIRD PARTY CERTIFICATION SCHEME

WHAT IS ISO 22000?

Food Safety Management System

A food safety management system (FSMS) is a management system that focuses on driving and improving food safety performance, legal compliance and enhancement of consumer confidence through identifying and managing food safety related hazards. ISO 22000 requires organization to establish food safety policy and objectives, establish Prerequisites programmes (PRP), perform hazard analysis, establish operational PRPs and HACCP, tracking performance through monitoring and measurement, implement corrective action and conducting management review. In essence, it consists of the following clauses,

Clause 4	Food safety management system
Clause 5	Management responsibility
Clause 6	Resource management
Clause 7	Planning and realization of safe products
Clause 8	Validation, verification and improvement of FSMS

Compatibility

Based on the Deming PDCA (Plan-do-check-act) cycle, ISO 22000 has the same basic structure as other international management system standards such as ISO 9001 or ISO 14001. It offers a common framework for integrating different management systems.

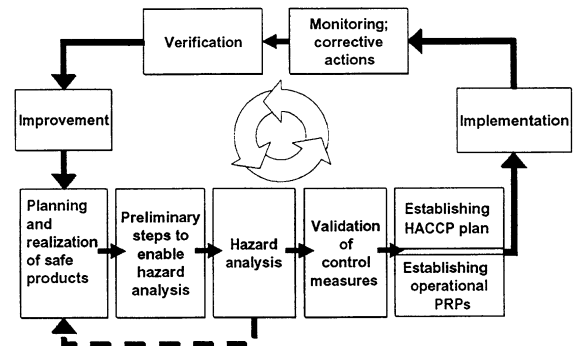


Figure 1 — Concept of continuous improvement

WHY IS IT RELEVANT?

ISO 22000 is a requirement standard which means organizations can be certified to it. It is generic in nature and is applicable to organizations of various sizes and background, and different roles along the food chain.

Benefits

Apart from enhancement in creditability through third party certification, an effective ISO 22000 management system shall deliver the following inherent benefits,

- Sustainable food safety performance and improving consumer confidence
- Platform for process and management control and improvement
- Improved communication along the food chain
- Facilitate compliance with legal and Codex HACCP principles
- Reduction in food safety incidents and cost



HOW SHOULD WE PROCEED?

In order to capitalize the full offer of ISO 22000, organizations shall acquire an accurate understanding of the requirements and the intent of the standard. Perform a gap analysis to determine the status of the organization compared to the certification requirements. From top management to front line staff, all levels of staff shall acquire an appropriate level of understanding of the standard. Top management commitment is a critical success factor. Work on a realistic plan and not the least, ensure a strong buy-in from everybody.

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