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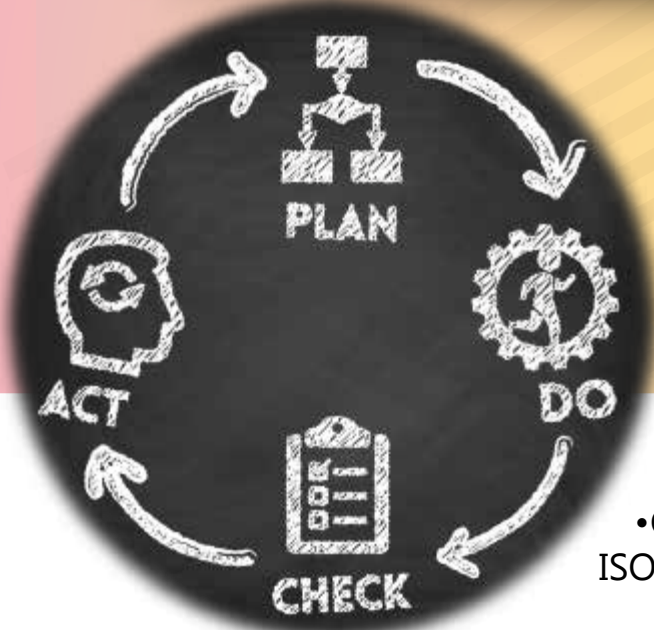
Food Safety Management System

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HIGHLIGHTS OF SEVERAL CRUCIAL DATE ON TRANSITION

- The issue date of ISO 22000:2018 :
  June 2018
- The transition period:
  29 June 2018 – 29 June 2021 (3 years)
- The expiry date of ISO 22000:2005 Certificates: 30 June 2021
- ACI deadline for accepting ISO 22000:2005 Certification application:
  29 June 2020

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACI SERVICES TO FACILITATE THE TRANSITION

- Professional and competent audit team

- Gap Assessment: A professional review of clients' ISO 22000:2005 against ISO 22000:2018 requirements

- Professional Customer Services team ready for answering enquiries from the clients regarding the transition

- (TNF1) ISO 22000:2018 Transition from 2005 version

- (TNF2) ISO 22000:2018 Effective Application

- (TNF3) ISO 22000:2018 Implementation & Documentation

- (TNF4) ISO 22000:2018 Internal Auditor

- (TNF4.1) Integrated ISO 22000:2018 Effective Application & Internal Auditor

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Q1

When is the ISO 22000:2018 issued?

ISO 22000:2018 was issued in June 2018

Q2

What are the major differences between ISO 22000:2005 and ISO 22000:2018?

• ISO 22000:2018 follows the high-level structure approach that is being applied to other ISO management system standards, such as ISO 9001:2015 (quality), ISO 14001:2015 (environment) and ISO 45001 (Occupational Health & Safety)

• The adoption of risk-based thinking to understand the business risk and opportunities associated with the food chain.

• Solid and comprehensive requirements on operation in ISO 22000:2018.

Q3

What are the core concepts of ISO 22000:2018?

- Process Approach
- Plan-Do-Check-Act Cycle
- Risk-based thinking

Q4

We have got ISO 22000:2005 Certificate already. What is the impact of the new standard on us?

According to the resolution of International Accreditation Forum (IAF), there is a 3 years transition period from the issue date of ISO 22000:2018 for all existing ISO 22000:2005 Certificates to transit to ISO 22000:2018 Certificate.

Therefore, all ISO 22000:2005 Certificates will be expired on 30 June 2021 (i.e. the ISO 22000:2005 Certificates will have lost validity since 30 June 2021).

Q5

We are going to implement a Food Safety Management System (ISO 22000) for certification. What should we do?

There are two options:

i) You can directly implement the system in according with ISO 22000:2018 and apply for the certification of ISO 22000:2018;

ii) Alternatively, if you have already begun to set up the system based on ISO 22000:2005, you can go ahead to obtain the ISO 22000:2005 certificate first and later do the transition to ISO 22000:2018 on or before the deadline specified by ACI.

Q6

Is there any deadline for application for ISO 22000:2005 Certification?

ACI welcomes ISO 22000:2005 Certification application made during the Transition Period provided that such application should not be made after 30 June 2020, i.e. after the first two year of the 3-year Transition Period.

The reason for setting this deadline is to ensure sufficient time for the certified clients to prepare the transition after being certified for ISO 22000:2005.

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Q7 When should we do the transition?

During the Transition Period, the ISO 22000:2005 certified clients can choose to transit at any time provided that the deadline of successful transition is 30 June 2021. The clients can decide their schedule for transition.

However, it is highly recommended for the clients to complete the transition as early as possible
i. to avoid the transition peak;
ii. to leave enough time for the submission of plans of correction and corrective actions and the arrangement of any follow up visits if there were non-conformities (NCs) raised in the transition audit(s).

(* Remark : ACI's deadline for Audit(s) of Transition is **30 April 2021**.)

Q8 How should we start for the transition?

i) Review ISO 22000:2018;

ii) Implement the system in accordance with the ISO 22000:2018;

iii) Plan the transition;

iv) Discuss with ACI the plan and reserve the date(s) for transition Audit(s).

Q9 What is the transition process?

For ACI, all ISO 22000:2005 certified clients seeking ISO 22000:2018 transition shall undergo a Transition Audit(s).

Normally, there are two types of Transition Audit: one-off audit or staged audit.
i) For One-Off Transition Audit, the audit will be a one-time audit in which the fulfillment of the clients' ISO 22000:2005 against all the ISO 22000:2018 requirements will be evaluated within the same audit. It can be carried out together with the normal scheduled audits such as Surveillance Visit (SV) or Renewal Audit or in a single independent audit.
ii) For staged type, the evaluation of the fulfillment of the clients' ISO 22000:2005 against the ISO 22000:2018 requirements will be conducted in several planned audits provided that the accumulative results of these audits can prove the full fulfillment of the client's ISO 22000:2005 with ISO 22000:2018.

Each audit of Transition Audits in such case can be carried out together with the normal scheduled audits such as Surveillance Visit (SV) or Renewal Audit or a single independent audit.

Point to note:
For the staged type, during each audit of the Transition Audits, as the existing system is not or has not been evaluated to be fully complied with ISO 22000:2018, the normal audit for ISO 22000:2005 will be still carried out. Please make sure to maintain effectively of ISO 22000:2005 before the completion and success of the transition.

Q10 How should we choose between one-off type and staged type Transition Audit(s)?

The choice for one-off type or staged type Transition Audit(s) may have impact in terms of clients' internal manpower arrangement or business plan. Clients are advised to have a comprehensive consideration before making decision and discuss with ACI if necessary.

Q11 How does ACI begin the transition for the clients?

ACI is well prepared for the transition for the clients. Our audit team will introduce the publication of ISO 22000:2018 and the transition issues to all the clients of ISO 22000:2005 during the normal visit. Clients are welcomed to discuss with the relevant issues with our audit team. Once the client confirmed the transition audit schedule, our audit team will conduct the transition for the client according to the agreed schedule.

Q12 What does ACI do to assist certified clients for the transition?

Besides, the above-mentioned Preliminary Gap Analysis, in order to get our clients more familiar with the ISO 22000:2018 requirements and facilitate our clients' preparation for the transition, ACI with pleasure provides the following training and services:

- (TNF1) ISO 22000:2018 Introduction Training Course

- (TNF2) ISO 22000:2018 Effective Application Training

- (TNF3) ISO 22000:2018 Implementation & Documentation Training

- (TNF4) ISO 22000:2018 Internal Auditor Training

- • Professional customer support to answer enquiries on the transition including the quotation for the Transition Audit(s) and reservation of dates for Transition Audit(s).

- • Upon request, ACI auditors can come to the clients office to perform a comprehensive Gap Assessment by going through every requirement of the ISO 22000:2018 with the client in order to check whether the client's existing system fulfill the requirements and if not, what the discrepancies are.

(Note: Some of the above dates are tentative and subject to be changed by ACI.)

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