

FSSC 22000 V7

SUMMARY OF CHANGES



FSSC 22000 Version 7 was officially released on May 1, 2026, introducing updated requirements aligned with the ISO 22002:2025 series, GFSI Benchmarking Requirements 2024 and evolving food safety expectations. Organizations certified to Version 6 have a 12-month transition period to prepare for implementation. Audits against Version 6 are permitted until April 30, 2027, while upgrade audits to Version 7 will take place between May 1, 2027 and April 30, 2028.

This information sheet provides a concise overview of the key changes and transition timeline to help organizations plan their upgrade effectively.

Area	FSSC 22000 V6	FSSC 22000 V7
Overall driver for revision	Alignment with GFSI 2020-2022	Alignment with GFSI Benchmarking Requirements 2024, stronger sustainability focus
PRP standards (ISO 22002-x)	Older ISO 22002 standards	Full integration of ISO 22002-x:2025 including ISO 22002-100
Scheme structure	5-part structure, limited clarity	Clearer structure, better category separation
Food chain categories	Categories & subcategories	New/expanded sub(sub)category breakdown (e.g., C0-1/C0-2, CI-1...CI-4, CIV-1...CIV-6, I-1...I-5, K-1/K-2) and clearer technology differentiation
Additional requirements 2.5.3: Food defense & food fraud	Established requirements	In addition to ISO22002-100:2025: Stronger competency and supplier expectations
Additional requirements 2.5.4: Food fraud mitigation	Established requirements	In addition to ISO22002-100:2025: Stronger competency and supplier expectations
Additional requirements 2.5.6: Allergen management	Only for feed could remain this requirement as not applicable	Pet food could be not applicable too
Additional requirements 2.5.8: Food safety & quality culture	Food safety culture introduced	A demonstrable commitment from all personnel to the production and safe handling of food shall be available.
Additional requirements 2.5.13: Product design and development	Limited reference	Sustainable development goals alignment connecting the business priorities and actions to the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
Additional requirements 2.5.14: Traceability for fcc C0	Not applicable	The organization shall establish, implement and maintain appropriate procedures and systems to ensure the traceability of all edible parts of the carcass is maintained until the carcass is deemed fit for human consumption (including blood for human consumption)
Additional requirements 2.5.16: Food loss & waste	Not explicitly required	Food loss & waste objectives shall be supported with clear and measurable targets with defined timelines

Disclaimer

The information is correct at the time of publication in May 2026. Please refer to official FSSC publications for the most up-to-date requirements and guidance.