



**MSA Ad 2015-06**

**ADVISORY**

**TO** : ALL CONCERNED

**SUBJECT** : Transition of Food Safety Management System Accreditation to ISO/TS 22003:2013 from ISO/TS 22003:2007

**DATE** : 20 August 2015

**BACKGROUND :**

Under Resolution 2013-14 passed by the IAF General Assembly in Seoul last 23 October 2013, the General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee (TC) resolved to endorse the next revision of ISO/TS 22003:2007- Food safety management systems – requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of food safety management systems, as a normative document. The General Assembly further agreed that the transition period for the next revision of ISO/TS 22003:2007 will be three years from the date of publication.

ISO/TS 22003:2013 was published on December 15, 2013. It incorporates revised and new requirements for third-party certification auditing of Food Safety Management System (FSMS) and the competence of personnel involved in the certification process.

**TRANSITION PLAN :**

**1. Pre-existing accredited Certification Bodies**

**1.1. Preparation time**

Certification Bodies shall analyze and understand the requirements of ISO/TS 22003:2013 and shall start identifying the new requirements in the technical specification without delay. Certification Bodies shall make a transition plan to determine both the required changes to their management system and the time frame required to execute them in order to conform to the technical specification. The transition plan shall be submitted to PAB for review not later than December 31, 2015. The examination of these transition plans will enable the PAB and the Certification Body to agree upon an end date for the transition process which shall not go beyond December 15, 2016.

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## 1.2. Transition and implementation

Wherever possible and where there are no barriers, Certification Bodies shall implement those parts of ISO/TS 22003:2013 that they can without delay. PAB shall verify the Certification Bodies compliance with ISO/TS 22003:2013 not later than September 1, 2016 which may coincide during surveillance visits or reassessments. Nonconformities identified during these visits shall be closed out by December 1, 2016.

## 2. End of transition and Accreditation Certificate Issue

On December 15, 2016, three (3) years after publication of the new standard, all accredited Certification Bodies are expected to be in full compliance with ISO/TS 22003:2013 and a new accreditation certificate shall be issued.

## 3. New application

All management system Certification Bodies that will apply for accreditation after the publication of this advisory are required to comply with ISO/TS 22003:2013.



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