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Part 2:

**Requirements for bodies providing
evaluation and certification of
products, processes and services,
including an audit of the food safety
system**

Sécurité des denrées alimentaires —

*Partie 2: Exigences pour les organismes procédant à l'évaluation et
à la certification de produits, de procédés et de services, incluant un
audit du système de sécurité des denrées alimentaires*



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Foreword

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Introduction

Certification of the food safety system (FSS) of an organization is one means of providing assurance that the organization has implemented a system for the management of food safety in line with its policy and the internationally accepted principles of food safety.

Requirements for an FSS can originate from a number of sources. This document has been developed to assist in the certification of the organization's products, processes or services and its FSS, including its management system elements.

This document is intended for use, in combination with ISO/IEC 17065, by bodies that carry out evaluation and certification of products, processes or services including an audit of the FSS. It provides generic requirements for such bodies, who are referred to as "certification bodies". This wording is not intended to be an obstacle to the use of this document by bodies with other designations that undertake activities covered by the scope of this document.

Certification of an organization's products, processes or services including an audit of the FSS in accordance with this document can involve a number of activities. Because this document is intended for product certification schemes that include a management system element, these activities involve an audit of the organization's FSS. The form of attestation of conformity of an organization's FSS to a specific standard, certification scheme requirements or other specified requirements is normally a certification document or a certificate.

It is for the organization seeking certification to develop its own FSS and related systems according to the scheme requirements. Other than where relevant legislative, customer or certification scheme requirements specify to the contrary, it is for the organization to decide how the various components of these will be arranged. The degree of integration between the various system components will vary from organization to organization. It is therefore appropriate for certification bodies that operate in accordance with this document to take into account the culture and practices of their clients with respect to the integration of their FSS within the wider organization.

This document was developed in conjunction with ISO 22003-1, which is used in combination with ISO/IEC 17021-1.

In this document, the following verbal forms are used:

- "shall" indicates a requirement;
- "should" indicates a recommendation;
- "may" indicates a permission;
- "can" indicates a possibility or a capability.

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1 Scope

This document is supplemental to ISO/IEC 17065. It specifies the rules applicable for the audit of a food safety system (FSS) and certification of products, processes and services complying with requirements of a certification scheme that is based on the internationally accepted principles of food safety (e.g. CODEX *General Principles of Food Hygiene*^[8]) and includes management system elements.

This document does not apply to certifications that are solely based on product testing (e.g. performed by an organization applying ISO/IEC 17025) or inspection (e.g. performed by an organization applying ISO/IEC 17020) and does not apply to ISO/IEC 17065-based food safety schemes that do not include both internationally accepted principles of food safety and management system elements.

It also provides the necessary information and confidence to customers about the way certification of their suppliers has been granted.

Certification of FSS is a third-party conformity assessment activity (as described in ISO/IEC 17000:2020, 4.3) and bodies performing this activity are third-party conformity assessment bodies.

NOTE This document can be used as a criteria document for the accreditation or peer assessment of certification bodies which seek to be recognized as being competent to certify that an organization's products, processes and services and its FSS comply with the requirements of a certification scheme. It is also intended to be used as a criteria document by regulatory authorities and industry consortia which engage in direct recognition of certification bodies to certify that an organization's FSS complies with a certification scheme's requirements. Some of its requirements can also be useful to other parties involved in the conformity assessment of such certification bodies, and in the conformity assessment of bodies that undertake to certify the compliance of an FSS with additional criteria.

FSS certification does not attest to the safety or fitness of the products of an organization within the food chain. However, certification requires an organization to meet all applicable food-safety-related statutory and regulatory requirements through its FSS.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 17000, *Conformity assessment — Vocabulary and general principles*

ISO/IEC 17065:2012, *Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 17000, ISO/IEC 17065 and the following apply.