

Note

TO : HACCP member certification bodies
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1. Introduction

ISO/TS 22003:2013 is implemented within the HACCP certification scheme with respect to “the requirements for a HACCP-based food safety system.” Simultaneously with this change, the decisions of the CCvD (Central College of Experts) HACCP already in force will be incorporated into the text of the certification scheme.

The amendments to the HACCP certification scheme are substantive changes that do not affect the accreditation or certification requirements.

2. New version

The new version of the HACCP certification scheme is: HACCP Certification Scheme version 5.1, June 2016.

The CCvD believes that the amendments to the HACCP certification scheme are minor and do not affect the accreditation status of certification bodies. In anticipation of the accreditation, certifying bodies may issue accredited version 5.1 certificates against the HACCP certification scheme version 5.1.

3. Transitional measure

3.1 Existing HACCP certificates (version 5.0)

The HACCP Certification Scheme version 5.1 (HACCP version 5.1) was published in June 2016.

The CCvD has decided that HACCP-certified companies must be audited and certified against HACCP version 5.1 from 1 July 2017.

Effective 1 January 2018, only HACCP version 5.1 certificates may be issued.

3.2 New HACCP certificates

New companies may only be audited and certified against HACCP version 5.1.

4. Type of audit

No extra auditing time is required for the upgrade to HACCP version 5.1. A regular follow-up audit or reassessment audit can be used to audit the HACCP-certified organisation against HACCP version 5.1 and to amend the certificate.

5. Accreditation

The procedures of the Accreditation Council (RvA) have changed. The RvA has recently informed all scheme owners about the consequences of these changes.

The RvA's new work procedure is described in RvA policy BR012 (2016). The RvA will evaluate the HACCP certification scheme under the new work procedure. Following a positive evaluation, the HACCP certification scheme will be added to the list of schemes to which the RvA grants accreditation.

At the moment, the HACCP certification scheme is accepted by the RvA until 1 January 2018, but will not be renewed and accepted by the RvA after this date. Pending the evaluation of the new version, the HACCP certification scheme will therefore be placed on the list referred to above. HACCP certificates thus retain their accredited status.

The CCvD will submit HACCP version 5.1 for evaluation by the RvA. The CCvD will inform you about the result of the evaluation of HACCP version 5.1 by the RvA.