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**Addressed to:** Organization certified on FSSC Development Program and Stakeholders

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***FSSC Development Program transition  
Version 1.1 to Version 2.0***

*FSSC Development Program*, the conformity evaluation program mainly focused on SMEs that wish to meet food safety requirements according to a framework established by FSSC, is currently undergoing an update and transition period. This transition corresponds from Version 1.1 to its new Version 2.0, which was published on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**1.- Transition timeline**

Global Standards will be managing the following transition period to ensure compliance with the dates set by the Foundation FSSC:

- Audits under the requirements of Version 1.1 may be carried out until April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- Audits under the requirements of the new Version 2.0 may begin being performed as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
- ALL audits as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 shall be performed under the new Version 2.0 requirements.
- Certificates issued under version 1.1 shall be effective for the date described on the certificate, provided that this effective date does not exceed May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2027.
- No certificate issued for version 1.1 will be effective after May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2027.

**2.- Main reasons for the update to Version 2.0**

*FSSC Development Program* was updated due to the following reasons:

- Expansion of the program scope to include Category I: Packaging.
- Adjustment in the timing of the evaluation audits for better applicability to small organizations.
- Increased visibility and strengthening of the program with organizations and consumers.

**3.- Main changes to Version 2.0**

- Transition to a single level of conformance aligned with Level 2 of the 1.1 version.
- Complete HACCP system in line with ISO 22000, including critical control points (CCP) and operational prerequisite programs (OPRP).
- Change from a question-based to a requirements-based document structure.
- Elimination of duplication of requirements and clarification of documentation requirements.

**4.- Informative Resources**

- **FSSC Development Program Documents**  
FSSC Portal with documentation related to the FSSC Development Program (Program, Annexes, Self-Assessments, additional reference documents)  
<https://www.fssc.com/fssc-22000/fssc-development-program/fssc-development-program-documents/>
- **FSSC Development Program V2.0 Main Changes**  
Document highlighting in red the differences of the program in version 2.0 compared to Version 1.1.  
[https://www.fssc.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/FSSC-Development-Program-V2.0\\_May-2025\\_Main-changes-1.pdf](https://www.fssc.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/FSSC-Development-Program-V2.0_May-2025_Main-changes-1.pdf)

## 5.- Communication with clients

In accordance with the transition process, Global Standards considers the following forms of communication with customers:

- Webinar (informative, lectures on the main changes).
- Notices (sent by email to all certified customers).
- Website (transition rules, releases and FAQs).

In order to validate the effectiveness of communication, Global Standards will monitor users' frequently asked questions on the website. All transition process requirements described in this release are based on FSSC Foundation requirements; however, there may be additional requirements set by the Accreditation Bodies.

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