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New decisions of the FSSC Stakeholder Board.

Dear Customer,

We hereby send you a cordial greeting and inform you that as of April 1, 2024, version 6 of the FSSC 22000 standard came into force. With this update, it is important to note that audits under version 5.1 will no longer be valid.

We inform you that on March 20 of this year, the new decisions of the Board of Stakeholders (BoS) were published and applied to version 6 of FSSC 22000. As a result of these decisions, specific updates have been made to the requirements of the FSSC 22000 V6 scheme, these updates are detailed below:

- **Section 7.2 for Certificate Design and Content:** Requirement (8) will be added, which states that the certificate shall state the date of the last unannounced FSSC 22000 audit. This will be done under the requirement of Scheme Part 3, 5.4.1. See updated Annex 3 for more information.
- **Food Chain Category C0:** An additional GFSI requirement will apply, which states that in addition to clause 8.3 of ISO 22000:2018, the organization must ensure traceability of all edible parts of the carcass until deemed fit for human consumption.
- **Scheme Part 2, clause 2.5.1 (a):** The current wording will be replaced by new wording due to an additional GFSI requirement. It states that the organization shall ensure that laboratory analyses for the verification and/or validation of critical food safety parameters are performed by a competent laboratory under the applicable requirements of ISO/IEC 17025.
- **ISO 22000:2018 Climate Change Amendment:** On February 24, 2024, ISO published an amendment to include the Climate Change requirement in clause 4.1 and the addition of a Note to clause 4.2. These updates will be included in FSSC 22000 V6 audits.

All this information is available on the official website of the FSSC Foundation:
<https://www.fssc.com/insights/newbos-decision-list-available/>.

It is important to note that these changes come into effect as of April 1, 2024, with the start of audits of version 6 of the FSSC 22000 scheme. The impact of these changes does not consider additional time for the replacement of issued certificates or the issuance of any additional certificate.

We cordially invite you to implement these new requirements for a successful transition.
We thank you for your cooperation during this process.

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