



ISO 22000:2018 – Transition without Surprises

On June 19 2018, ISO published a new version of ISO 22000, the international standard for food safety management systems. The new version brings significant changes for certified sites. In this document, we present a short summary of the main changes as well as information on the transition process.

From ISO 22000:2005 to ISO 22000:2018 – Transition Arrangements & Deadlines

The publication of the new standard on June 19, 2018, marks the beginning of a three year transition phase. This means that all certificates according to the old version will lose their validity on June 18, 2021 at the latest. Certified sites will need to complete the transition process by that date.

During the transition phase, DQS can still issue certificates for the 2005 version, but they will expire on June 18, 2021 – meaning that clients who choose this option do not benefit from the full three year period of validity one would normally have.

In order to ensure sufficient time for corrective actions after the certification audit, we cannot perform transition audits in the last six months of the transition period.

Transition Audits

We recommend not to postpone the transition to ISO 22000:2018. There are two possible paths to the transition:

- Transition during a **recertification audit**: this is the recommended route. Your regular recertification audit will be replaced by a two-staged ISO 22000-audit:
 - Stage 1: Readiness Review
 - Stufe 2: System Audit

After a successful audit, you will receive an ISO 22000:2018 certificate with a validity of three years.

- Transition during a **surveillance audit**: In exceptional cases certified sites can apply for transition during the course of a regular surveillance audit. Please note that additional audit time will be needed. After a successful audit, you will receive an ISO 22000:2018 certificate with the same expiry date as your current ISO 22000:2005 certificate.

If a customer fails a transition audit, there is still the possibility to issue a certificate to the old version of the standard, as long as the management system meets the requirements of ISO 22000:2005. This certificate would then have a reduced duration.

Accreditation

DQS will transition its accreditation as quickly as possible. Customers who already obtain an ISO 22000:2018 certificate before the accreditation has been finalized, will receive an unaccredited certificate. Once the accreditation process has been completed, the certificate will be converted to an accredited version within twelve months.

Changes to the Standard

- The new version adopts the so-called High-Level Structure (HLS), the common structure for all new management system standards. The adoption of a common structure throughout all standards facilitates the integration of various management systems. Users of [ISO 9001:2015](#), [ISO 14001:2015](#) and [ISO 45001](#) will already be familiar with this structure. In

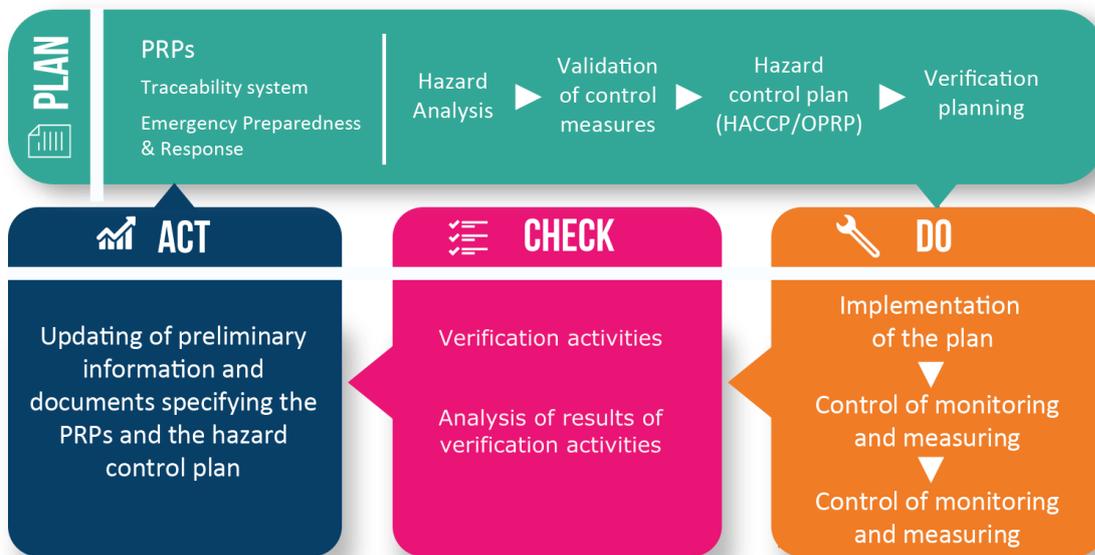
practice, the change in structure will make it easier for organizations to combine ISO 22000 with other management system standards.

- In accordance with the changes in ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015, the new version of ISO 22000 will also be a risk-based standard. The standard will distinguish between risk at the operational level (through the Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point approach ([HACCP](#))), as well at the strategic level of the management system and its ability to reach its specified goals as such.
- The standard now consistently distinguishes two Plan-Do-Check-Act (PDCA) cycles. The first applies to the management system as a whole, while the second, within it, addresses the operations described in Clause 8, which simultaneously cover the HACCP principles. This is illustrated in the graph below.

PDCA-CYCLE ISO 22000:2018



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Gap Assessments

Avoid surprises during the transition audits with a gap assessment. DQS has a global network of qualified auditors ready to perform a gap assessment during the implementation.

Workshops and Trainings

In order to give you a better understanding of the changes and possible ways of implementing them, we offer a one-day workshop format. We offer both publicly accessible trainings as well as in-house workshops on request. Consult your [local office](#) for more information.