



## **Food Safety System Certification (FSSC) 22000**

### **SANAS Recognising the FSSC Scheme**

South African National Accreditation System (SANAS) is launching a new accreditation programme for the recognition of the Food Safety System Certification (FSSC) 22000 scheme in accordance to additional requirements of the scheme in line with the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO)'s standard which was adopted as a South African National Standards SANS/ISO 22000.

Stakeholders that are involved in following food processing are invited to attend the launch:

- Perishable animal products (i.e. meat, poultry, eggs, dairy and fish products).
- Perishable vegetal products (i.e. packed fresh fruits and fresh juices, preserved fruits, packaged fresh vegetables, preserved vegetables).
- Products with a long shelf life at ambient temperature (i.e. canned products, biscuits, snacks, oil, drinking water, beverages, pasta, flour, sugar, salt).
- Chemical manufacturing (i.e. vitamins, additives, and bio-cultures but excluding technical and technological aids).
- Food Packaging material manufacturing.

SANAS will be able to accommodate two delegates per organisation. The workshop will be at the **Manhattan Hotel** in Pretoria on the **07 November 2014**.

FSSC 22000 is an independently owned ISO-based food safety management system (FSMS). The FSSC 22000 scheme have additional requirements over and above the SANS/ISO 22000 requirements which SANAS is already providing accreditation for. These additional requirements are established by the foundation. The actual responsibility and authority for the content of the scheme and the delivered certification audits is the FSSC Board of Stakeholders, represented by the relevant stakeholders of the food supply chain.

The FSSC 22000 contains a complete certification scheme for Food Safety Systems based on existing standards for certification (SANS/ISO 22000, SANS/ISO 22003 and technical specifications for sector). The certification is accredited under the standard SANS/ISO 17021. Manufacturers that are already certified against SANS/ISO 22000 will need to fulfil the additional requirements under the FSSC 22000 scheme as well as additional reviews against the specific technical specifications for the relevant sector to meet this certification scheme.

The Foundation also:

- focuses on the international compliance and adaptability of Food Safety Standards
- focuses on the development and maintenance of certification and inspection systems for Food Safety
- promotes the international use of these Food Safety systems

- provides services to support the certification of Food Safety systems
- provides information on Food Safety issues

The FSSC 22000 certification scheme has been given full recognition by the Global Food Safety Initiative Board of Directors after a benchmarking process using the requirements GFSI Guidance Document. The Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) is the result of collaboration between some of the world's leading food safety experts from retailers, manufacturers and food service companies, as well as service providers active in the food supply chain. The aim of the structure is to facilitate the exchange of information and the identification of best practice at an international and multi-stakeholder level along the entire supply chain. In addition, the governance structure facilitates the ultimate aim of fulfilling the GFSI mission, which is safe food for consumers everywhere.

Accreditation is internationally and nationally recognised as a reliable and transparent method of confirming the technical competence of conformity assessment bodies (CABs) such as certification bodies, testing laboratories and inspection bodies. SANAS as sole accreditation body of Republic of South Africa provides formal recognition of CAB's technical competence to perform certification testing and inspection functions as per their scope of accreditations. SANAS is also recognised internationally by the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and International Accreditation Forum (IAF).

The workshop will be used to roll-out of the SANAS accreditation programme for the Food Safety System Certification FSSC 22000 scheme, and will also be SANAS platform to inform the food safety system stakeholders that SANAS is ready to accredit Certification Bodies that are to offer certification for FSSC 22000 scheme. During the workshop the FSSC 22000 additional requirements and GFSI benchmarking will be presented and unpacked. The expectation is that the certification bodies that are accredited for Food Safety Management System (FSMS) will apply for the accreditation of FSSC 22000.

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