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**Food safety —**

Part 1:  
**Requirements for bodies providing  
audit and certification of food safety  
management systems**

*Sécurité des denrées alimentaires —*

*Partie 1: Exigences pour les organismes procédant à l'audit et à la certification de systèmes de management de la sécurité des denrées alimentaires*



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## Introduction

Certification of the food safety management system (FSMS) of an organization is one means of providing assurance that the organization has implemented a system for the management of food safety in line with its policy and the internationally accepted principles of food safety.

Requirements for an FSMS can originate from a number of sources. This document has been developed to assist in the certification of FSMS that fulfil the requirements of ISO 22000. The contents of this document can also be used to support certification of FSMS that are based on other sets of specified FSMS requirements.

This document is intended for use, in combination with ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, by bodies that carry out audit and certification of FSMS. It provides generic requirements for such bodies, who are referred to as “certification bodies”. This wording is not intended to be an obstacle to the use of this document by bodies with other designations that undertake activities covered by the scope of this document. This document is intended to be used by anybody involved in the assessment of FSMS.

Certification activities involve the audit of an organization’s FSMS. The form of attestation of conformity of an organization’s FSMS to a specific FSMS standard (e.g. ISO 22000) or other specified requirements is normally a certification document or a certificate.

It is for the organization seeking certification to develop its own management systems and, other than where relevant legislative requirements specify to the contrary, it is for the organization to decide how the various components of these will be arranged. The degree of integration between the various management system components will vary from organization to organization. It is therefore appropriate for certification bodies that operate in accordance with this document to take into account the culture and practices of their clients with respect to the integration of their FSMS within the wider organization.

This document was developed in conjunction with ISO 22003-2, which is used in combination with ISO/IEC 17065.

In this document, the following verbal forms are used:

- “shall” indicates a requirement;
- “should” indicates a recommendation;
- “may” indicates a permission;
- “can” indicates a possibility or a capability.