



Ind-Expo Policy on Transition to ISO 22000:2018 –Revised Policy

SLAB accredited and applicant food safety management system companies are required to comply with the requirements of this policy commencing **1st January 2019**. The new ISO 22000:2018 standard was published on the **19th June 2018** and will replace ISO 22000:2005. All food safety management system companies shall have to successfully transferred to the new standard within 3 years from the publication date.

As per the transition policy we have sent before, accreditation granted as per ISO 22000:2005 would not be valid after **19th June 2021**. Due to the pandemic caused by COVID 19 the management of Ind –Expo has decided to extend the validity period by extra 6 months for transitions on said standard , after referring the IAF guidelines. Therefore as per the revised Ind- Expo policy on transition , accreditation granted as per ISO 22000:2005 shall not be valid after **19th December 2021**.

Ind –Expo will use the service of qualified certification personnel to conduct the audits. Certification body may have arrangement to conduct the audit by using single audit or staged approach. Decision on arrangement of audit could be depend on readiness of the companies for the certification.

If clients have failed to complete the migration to new ISO 22000:2018 standard on or before **19th December 2021**, company shall discontinue the certification and new certification for old version will not be continued.

In addition, the following are also applicable for this transition:

1. Ind-Expo is ready to carryout assessments against ISO 22000:2018 after **1st March 2019**
2. Ind-Expo shall not accept applications against ISO 22000:2005 after **1st January 2020**
3. All assessment of new applicants and already certified, SLAB accredited food safety certified companies will be conducted in accordance with ISO 22000:2018 from **1st March 2019** onwards as per the assessment schedule.
4. For applications already accepted as per the ISO 22000:2005 and pending as on **1st March 2019** will be granted certification as per ISO 22000:2005 up to **29th June 2020**.
5. Any exception to above policy may be granted on a specific request from companies. However in-line with IAF's resolution and SLAB policy , such food safety certified companies shall have to demonstrate compliance to ISO 22000:2018 by **19th December 2020**.

The food safety certified companies which fails to carryout compliance to ISO 22000:2018 by **19th December 2020** shall be placed under period of temporary suspension for maximum 2



months. Failure to comply with ISO 22000:2018 by end of this period shall result in withdrawal of certification.

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