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Notes:
Red text: Additions or new requirements in ISO 22003-1 and IAF MD25, etc.
Green text: Confirmatory changes for clarification, etc.

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1. Program overview	**1. Program overview**	
1.4 Reference standard documents	**1.4 Reference standard documents**	
This Program is based on ISO/IEC 17011:2017, Conformity assessment — Requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies (hereinafter referred to as "ISO/IEC 17011"), ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems — Part 1: Requirements (hereinafter referred to as "ISO/IEC 17021"), ISO/TS 22003:2013 Food safety management systems — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of food safety management systems (hereinafter referred to as "ISO/TS 22003"), and IAF MD4:2018 IAF mandatory document for the use of information and communication technology (ICT) for auditing/assessment purposes (hereinafter referred to as "IAF MD4").	This Program is based on ISO/IEC 17011:2017, Conformity assessment — Requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies (hereinafter referred to as "ISO/IEC 17011"), ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems — Part 1: Requirements (hereinafter referred to as "ISO/IEC 17021-1", ISO 22003-1:2022 Requirements for bodies carrying out audits and certification of food safety management systems (hereinafter referred to as " ISO 22003-1"), IAF MD4:2018 IAF mandatory document for the use of information and communication technology (ICT) for auditing/assessment purposes (hereinafter referred to as "IAF MD4"), IAF MD 11:2023 IAF Mandatory Document for the Application of ISO/IEC 17021-1 for Audits of Integrated Management Systems (hereinafter referred to as "IAF MD11") and IAF MD25:2022 IAF Mandatory Document on the Evaluation Criteria for Conformity Assessment Schemes (hereinafter referred to as "IAF MD25").	Changes due to revision from ISO/TS 22003 to ISO 22003-1 and addition of IAF MD11 and IAF MD25 as a new reference document
1.5 Standards covered by this Program	**1.5 Standards covered by this Program**	
This Program defines the accreditation and certification programs of the JFS-C standard (hereinafter referred to as this Standard). The sectors to which this Standard applies are the " Food Manufacturing Sectors (CI, CII, CIII, CIV) and "Chemical Products Manufacturing Sector (K), including biochemical products (manufacture of additives, vitamins, minerals, cultures, flavors, enzymes, processing aids, etc.)".	This Program defines the accreditation and certification programs of the JFS-C standard (hereinafter referred to as this Standard). The sectors to which this Standard applies are the " Food Manufacturing Sectors (CI, CII, CIII, CIV)" and " Manufacturing sector of chemical products (K), including biochemical products (Production of chemical products (including biochemical products) and cultures used as food ingredients or processing aids in food production)".	Alignment with JFS-B Standard Ver. 3.0
Table 1 List of JFS Standard Document Sectors	Table 1 Sector List by GFSI The following sectors apply to this JFS (Food Safety Management) Standard Document. ※Of the sectors presented by GFSI, the sectors covered by this standard document are enclosed in a box.	Alignment with JFS-B Standard Ver. 3.0
1.6 Certification program operating organization structure	**1.6 Certification program operating organization structure**	
1.6.1 The business organization of JFSM consists of a Board of Directors, a Board of Councilors, inspectors and the JFSM Secretariat. The rules for each entity in the organization are stipulated in the articles of incorporation, and the main functions and authorities of each entity are as follows.	**1.6.1** The business organization of JFSM consists of a Board of Directors, a Board of Councilors, inspectors and the JFSM Secretariat. The rules for each entity in the organization are stipulated in the articles of incorporation, and the main functions and authorities of each entity are as follows.	
1) The Board of Directors resolves matters related to the business execution of JFSM and approves the documents of the standards (Certification Program Document and JFS-C Standard Document) and the regulations related to this Program.	1) The Board of Directors resolves matters related to the business execution of JFSM and approves the scheme documents (certification program documents and JFS-C standard documents) and other documents.	Change in line with current operational Slignment
1.6.3 The Board of Directors appoints representatives from the JFSM Secretariat who are responsible for contacting the accreditation bodies and certification bodies and the GFSI.	1.6.3 The Board of Directors appoints a representative from among JFSM Secretaries to liaise with accreditation and certification bodies and GFSI, and reports on the appointment to the board of directors.	Change in line with current operational Slignment
1.6.4 Responsibility and authority of the organization that manages this Program are defined in "JFS-C Certification Program Organization Regulations".		
2. Regulations for Certification Program Owner	**2. Regulations for Certification Program Owner**	
2.5 Use of logo mark related to certification by this Program	**2.5 Use of logo mark related to certification by this Program**	
This Program is intended to certify the food safety management system of an organization, not the food safety of the product itself. Therefore, even if an organization has acquired certification under this Program, the organization is prohibited from using any labels, marks and/or descriptions on the product concerning the certification of this Program which indicates conformity to the food safety standard. The use of the logo mark related to the certification of this Program is defined in the "Provision for JFS-C Certification Logo Handling"	This Program is intended to certify the food safety management system of an organization, not the food safety of the product itself. Therefore, even if a product is manufactured at a site certified to this standard, it is not permitted to display a logo mark or description on the product or its product packaging (including primary and secondary packaging) that could mislead consumers into believing that the product has been certified to a food safety management system. The use of the logo mark related to the certification of this Program is defined in the "Provision for JFS-C Certification Logo Handling"	Strengthening of requirements for labeling and description on product packaging added with the revision from ISO/TS 22003 to ISO 22003-1
2.6 Multilateral recognition rules for accreditation activities	**2.6 Multilateral recognition rules for accreditation activities**	
JFSM ensures that a certification body that issues certificates accredited by AB who are a member of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF), and has signed the International Multilateral Recognition Regulation (MLA) based on this JFS-C standard and Program. Also, an accreditation body that provides the certification under this Program shall fulfill the requirements of ISO/IEC 17011 and the additional requirements listed in section 4.2 below, be a member of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF), and is a signatory to the IAF International Multilateral Recognition Agreement (MLA; Level 4: ISO/TS 22003:2013).	JFSM ensures that a certification body that issues certificates accredited by AB who are a member of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF), and has signed the International Multilateral Recognition Regulation (MLA) based on this JFS-C standard and Program. Also, an accreditation body that provides the certification under this Program shall fulfill the requirements of ISO/IEC 17011 and the additional requirements listed in section 4.2 below, be a member of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF), and is a signatory to the IAF International Multilateral Recognition Agreement (MLA) (ISO/TS 22003:2013 compatible with level 4 or ISO 22003-1:2022).	Changes due to revision from ISO/TS 22003 to ISO 22003-1
3. Development and revision of JFS-C standard documents and operational integrity	**3. Development and revision of JFS-C standard documents and operational integrity**	
3.1 JFS-C standard document development and revision process	**3.1 JFS-C standard document development and revision process**	
2) The Secretariat publishes the draft of the standard document on the JFSM website and makes it available for public comment for at least 2 weeks.	2) The Secretariat publishes the draft of the standard document on the JFSM website and makes it available for public consultation for at least 2 weeks.	Additional corrections to notation
3) The Secretariat establishes a forum for discussing the draft standard document under development with the Stakeholder Committee.	3) The Secretariat establishes a forum for discussing the draft standard document under development with the Stakeholder Committee when necessary.	Additional corrections to notation
13) JFSM publishes guidance and requirements regarding version transition for the certification bodies when a new version of the Program takes effect. The information includes the following elements.	13) JFSM publishes guidance and requirements regarding version transition for the certification bodies in accordance with the Provision of Document Control, when a new version of the Program takes effect. The information includes the following elements.	Clarification of notations
3.2 Operation and integrity of this Program	**3.2 Operation and integrity of this Program**	
3.2.1 JFSM engages in regular exchanges and communication with the contracted accreditation bodies (Harmonization Meetings of the CPO, ABs and CBs) and ensures that the accredited certification bodies are accredited in accordance with ISO/IEC 17021, ISO/TS 22003 and IAF MD4.	**3.2.1** JFSM engages in regular exchanges and communication with the contracted accreditation bodies (Harmonization Meetings of the CPO, ABs and CBs) and ensures that the accredited certification bodies are accredited in accordance with ISO 22003-1, IAF MD4 and IAF MD25.	Changes due to revision from ISO/TS 22003 to ISO 22003-1 and addition of IAF MD25 as a new reference document
3.2.2 When operating this Program, JFSM requires that all certification bodies conducting certification activities obtain ISO/IEC 17021, ISO/TS 22003 and IAF MD4 accreditation and conclude a compulsory contract regarding their applicable certification activities.	**3.2.2** When operating this Program, JFSM requires that all certification bodies conducting certification activities obtain ISO/IEC 17021-1, ISO 22003-1, IAF MD4 and IAF MD25 accreditation and conclude a compulsory contract regarding their applicable certification activities.	Changes due to revision from ISO/TS 22003 to ISO 22003-1 and addition of IAF MD25 as a new reference document
4. Requirements for accreditation bodies	**4. Requirements for accreditation bodies**	
4.1 Requirements for accreditation bodies	**4.1 Requirements for accreditation bodies**	
4.1.1 Accreditation bodies that accredit certification bodies under this Program shall meet the requirements of ISO/IEC 17011:2017 and the additional requirements listed in section 4.2 below, and be a member of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF). Accreditation bodies shall also be signatories to the International Multilateral Recognition Regulation (MLA) (Level 4: ISO/TS 22003:2013).	4.1.1 Accreditation bodies that accredit certification bodies under this Program shall meet the requirements of ISO/IEC 17011:2017 and the additional requirements listed in section 4.2 below, and be a member of the International Accreditation Forum (IAF). Accreditation bodies shall also be signatories to the International Multilateral Recognition Regulation (MLA) (ISO/TS 22003:2013 compatible with level 4 or ISO 22003-1:2022).	Changes due to revision from ISO/TS 22003 to ISO 22003-1
4.2 Additional requirements for ISO/IEC 17011:2017	**4.2 Additional requirements for ISO/IEC 17011:2017**	
4.2.1 JFSM stipulates the following requirements for conformity assessment bodies: ISO/IEC17011:2017.	4.2.1 JFSM stipulates the following requirements for conformity assessment bodies: ISO/IEC17011:2017.	
2) Information requirements [8.1, 8.2]	2) Information requirements [8.1, 8.2]	

③ Accreditation bodies shall report to JFSM the following information a) to c) without delay and the information d) when requested by the association. a) Suspension, withdrawal of accreditation, reduction of sector accreditation b) Complaints that could compromise the accreditation status c) Significant nonconformities (nonconformities that may affect the validity of accreditation) d) Information on the accreditation assessment conducted for the certification body	③Accreditation bodies shall report to JFSM the following information a) to c) without delay and the information d) when requested by the association, and information e) after completing the assessment. a) Suspension, withdrawal of accreditation, reduction of sector accreditation b) Complaints that could compromise the accreditation status c) Significant nonconformities (nonconformities that may affect the validity of accreditation) d) Information on the accreditation assessment conducted for the certification body e) Summary of Accreditation Assessment	Added as Additionital requirements of IAF new standards document, MD25
④ JFSM will provide the following information to accreditation bodies. a) Information on certification bodies acquired by JFSM through the Integrity Program described in section 3.6 in this document. b) Information regarding changes to this Program and related documentation. c) Other information necessary for certification assessment (including complaints about certification bodies)	④ JFSM will provide the following information to accreditation bodies. a) Information on certification bodies acquired by JFSM through the Integrity Program described in section 3.6 in this document, including the results of KPI analysis and the results of office audits conducted by JFSM. b) Information regarding changes to this Program and related documentation. c) Other information necessary for certification assessment (including complaints about certification bodies)	Added as Additionital requirements of IAF new standards document, MD25
	17) Sharing the results of the certification body's confirmation, etc. Upon consultation with JFSM, the accreditation body shall check the conformity and effectiveness of the certification body, etc. based on the information (including KPIs, nonconformities and concerns found in the office audit) provided by JFSM in accordance with 2) ④ a), and provide the results to JFSM.	Added as Additionital requirements of IAF new standards document, MD25
	18) Validation Prior to the revision of the program document, JFSM requests the accreditation body to verify the validity of the revision of the program document. In this case, the number of days required for the validation by the accreditation body shall be agreed upon through prior consultation between JFSM and the accreditation body.	Added as Additionital requirements of IAF new standards document, MD25
5. Requirements for certification bodies	**5. Requirements for certification bodies**	
5.1 Fundamental requirements for certification activities	**5.1 Fundamental requirements for certification activities**	
5.1.1 Contract conditions with certification bodies Certification bodies that perform certification work for this Program shall meet the following prerequisites.	5.1.1 Contract conditions with certification bodies Certification bodies that perform certification work for this Program shall meet the following prerequisites.	
2) Certification bodies shall be accredited by accreditation bodies contracted with JFSM based on ISO/IEC 17021, ISO/TS 22003, IAF MD4 and Section 5 (Requirements for certification bodies) of this document.	2) Certification bodies shall be accredited by accreditation bodies contracted with JFSM based on ISO/IEC 17021-1, ISO 22003-1, IAF MD4 and Section 5 (Requirements for certification bodies) of this document.	Changes due to revision from ISO/TS 22003 to ISO 22003-1
5.2 Requirements for certification activities	**5.2 Requirements for certification activities**	
5.2.2 Implementation of audits	5.2.2 Implementation of audits	
2) Certification bodies shall determine the audit frequency and audit duration and prepare an audit plan according to the following. ① Each site shall be audited at least once a year for each sector and/or subsector to be certified to evaluate all requirements of the Standard. ②The audit frequency shall be decided with consideration for the past audit history, points of conformity with the Standard, product seasonality, increase in manufacturing capacity, changes to organizational structure, changes in product technology, and changes in product types. ③Regardless of the audit frequency of ① and ②, additional surveillance audits shall be performed when there is evidence or suspicion of nonconformity in the organization. ④The audit duration shall be decided based on the "Audit duration determination procedure manual" as specified in Annex 1. ⑤ At least one of the surveillance audits performed up to the recertification audit shall be an unannounced audit. In addition, the audit report shall clearly indicate that the audit conducted was an unannounced audit.	2) Certification bodies shall determine the audit frequency and audit duration and prepare an audit plan according to the following. ① Each site shall be audited at least once a year for each sector and/or subsector to be certified to evaluate all requirements of the Standard. ② The audit frequency shall be decided with consideration for the past audit history, points of conformity with the Standard, product seasonality, increase in manufacturing capacity, changes to organizational structure, changes in product technology, and changes in product types. ③ Regardless of the audit frequency of ① and ②, additional surveillance audits shall be performed when there is evidence or suspicion of nonconformity in the organization. ④ The audit duration shall be decided based on the "Audit duration determination procedure manual" as specified in Annex 1. ⑤ At least one of the surveillance audits performed up to the recertification audit shall be an unannounced audit. In addition, the audit report shall clearly indicate that the audit conducted was an unannounced audit. Audits of head office functions are not subject to unannounced audits unless the head office functions are located in the same location as the on-site audit. ⑥ Audit of head office functions is referred to in 8) "Audit of head office functions."	With the revision of ISO/TS 22003 to ISO 22003-1, "multi-site organization" was defined. It was specified that this includes "cases where management is controlled by a central function and the manufacturing process spans multiple sites." Based on the above, we have added requirements related to audits when there is a headquarters function separate from the site.
3) Auditor selection procedure Certification bodies shall implement procedures for auditor selection, including auditor rotation, such as no more than six consecutive audits at the same site, in order to maintain the impartiality of the audits.	1) Auditor selection procedure Certification bodies shall implement procedures for auditor selection, including auditor rotation, such as no more than six consecutive audits at the same site, in order to maintain the impartiality of the audits.	Correction of discrepancies between Japanver and n English Version of this document
	8) Audit of head office functions ①The certification body shall conduct an audit of the head office function (hereinafter referred to as "head office function") and include it in the certification. This audit shall include an interview with the personnel in charge of the head office function. This head office function audit shall be documented. ②The auditor shall conduct the head office function audit in the context of the on-site audit of the site. The auditor shall review the requirements or standards established for food safety at the head office function audit and ensure that they have been properly incorporated into site-specific documentation and are currently being implemented at the site's on-site audit. ③In principle, audit of head office functions shall be conducted prior to on-site audits. If on-site audits are conducted without notification, audits of head office functions shall also be conducted without notification, but audits can also be conducted with notification at the request of the audited organization. For both on-site audits and audits of head office functions, the scope of unannounced audits and notified audits shall be stated in the audit report.	With the revision from ISO/TS 22003 to ISO 22003-1, "multi-site organization" was defined and it was clearly stated that "management is controlled by a central function and the manufacturing process is spread over multiple sites" is included in this definition. In the revision from ISO 22003 to ISO 22003-1, "multi-site organization" is defined, and it includes "the case where management is controlled by a central function and manufacturing processes are spread over multiple sites".
5.2.3 Audit Reports	5.2.3 Audit Reports	
1) Preparation of audit reports ① The audit report is a record to prove that the auditor has properly conducted the audit and determined the conformity of the organization. The certification body shall have a clear structure for the preparation and production of the audit report. The certification body shall prepare the audit report in accordance with this structure and deliver it to the organization within two weeks after the certification decision or decision to continue certification. The audit report shall include the following: a) Details of audit duration b) Summary of assessment results c) FSM/HACCP/GMP section summary d) Individual evaluation results for all requirements (conformity/nonconformity) e) Details of nonconformity and basis of judgment f) Notable examples of good practices g) Type of audit (announced or unannounced) h) Details required in ISO/IEC 17021 9.4.8	1) Preparation of audit reports ①The audit report is a record to prove that the auditor has properly conducted the audit and determined the conformity of the organization. The certification body shall have a clear structure for the preparation and production of the audit report. The certification body shall prepare the audit report in accordance with this structure and deliver it to the organization within two weeks after the certification decision or decision to continue certification. The audit report shall include the following: a) Details of audit duration b) Summary of assessment results c) FSM/HACCP/GMP section summary d) Individual evaluation results for all requirements (conformity/nonconformity) e) Details of nonconformity and basis of judgment f) Notable examples of good practices g) Type of audit (announced or unannounced) h) Details required in ISO/IEC 17021-1 9.4.8 i) If head office function is reviewed, the information collected in connection with the head office function and the content of objective evidence j) If head office function is reviewed, identification of the function and/or process reviewed	With the revision from ISO/TS 22003 to ISO 22003-1, "multi-site organization" was defined and it was clearly stated that "management is controlled by a central function and the manufacturing process is spread over multiple sites" is included in this definition. In the revision from ISO 22003 to ISO 22003-1, "multi-site organization" is defined, and it includes "the case where management is controlled by a central function and manufacturing processes are spread over multiple sites".
5.2.4 Registration of certified organizations After making a decision on the certification of an organization or making changes to the certification, the certification body shall submit the information on the certified organization to JFSM by the 15th of the month following the month in which the certification decision or change was made. Certification bodies and certified organizations shall be in agreement that the following information will be made public by JFSM: 1) Name and address of certified organization (in English) 2) Sectors or subsectors, products, manufacturing processes and manufacturing locations (when manufacturing processes and manufacturing locations need to be specified) 3) Effective date of the certificate 4) Expiration date of the certification 5) Certification status (e.g., suspension or withdrawal, and the date; only if applicable)	5.2.4 Registration of certified organizations After making a decision on the certification of an organization or making changes to the certification, the certification body shall submit the information on the certified organization to JFSM by the 15th of the month following the month in which the certification decision or change was made. Certification bodies and certified organizations shall be in agreement that the following information will be made public by JFSM: 1) Name and address of certified organization (in English) 2) Sectors or subsectors, products, manufacturing processes and manufacturing locations (when manufacturing processes and manufacturing locations need to be specified) and head office function (for audit purposes only). 3) Effective date of the certificate 4) Expiration date of the certification 5) Certification status (e.g., suspension or withdrawal, and the date; only if applicable)	With the revision from ISO/TS 22003 to ISO 22003-1, "multi-site organization" was defined and it was clearly stated that "management is controlled by a central function and the manufacturing process is spread over multiple sites" is included in this definition. In the revision from ISO 22003 to ISO 22003-1, "multi-site organization" is defined, and it includes "the case where management is controlled by a central function and manufacturing processes are spread over multiple sites".
6. Requirements for personnel and auditors	**6. Requirements for personnel and auditors**	
6.1 Requirements for personnel	**6.1 Requirements for personnel**	
6.1.1 Personnel competence	6.1.1 Personnel competence	
2) Regardless of the scope of accreditation, certification bodies shall have systems and procedures in place to ensure that personnel who conduct the certification activities specified in Annex A of ISO/IEC 17021 and Annex C of ISO/TS 22003 have the competencies described in these Annexes and that the requirements specified by JFSM are met.	1) Regardless of the scope of accreditation, certification bodies shall have systems and procedures in place to ensure that personnel who conduct the certification activities specified in Annex A of ISO/IEC 17021-1 and Annex C of ISO 22003-1 have the competencies described in these Annexes and that the requirements specified by JFSM are met.	Changes due to revision from ISO/TS 22003 to ISO 22003-1
6.1.4 Notifications to personnel Certification bodies shall notify the personnel involved in this Program of all relevant requirements (ISO/IEC 17021, ISO/TS 22003 and IAF MD4).	6.1.4 Notifications to personnel Certification bodies shall notify the personnel involved in this Program of all relevant requirements (ISO/IEC 17021-1, ISO 22003-1 and IAF MD4 and IAF MD25).	Changes due to revision from ISO/TS 22003 to ISO 22003-1 and addition of IAF MD25 as a new reference document
6.2 Requirements for auditors	**6.2 Requirements for auditors**	

6.2.1 Auditor competence Certification bodies shall have systems and procedures in place to ensure that the auditors conducting audits comply with the competence requirements set forth in ISO/IEC17021, ISO/TS 22003 and IAF MD4, and in particular the requirements set by JFSM, regardless of their scope of accreditation.	6.2.1 Auditor competence Certification bodies shall have systems and procedures in place to ensure that the auditors conducting audits comply with the competence requirements set forth in ISO/IEC17021-1, ISO 22003-1 and IAF MD4, and in particular the requirements set by JFSM, regardless of their scope of accreditation.	Changes due to revision from ISO/TS 22003 to ISO 22003-1
6.2.3 Initial registration requirements for auditors.	6.2.3 Initial registration requirements for auditors The certification body shall apply for registration of the auditor who wishes to be registered at in accordance with the "Provision for JFS-C Auditor Initial Registration".	Revision of related descriptions in accordance with the preparation of "Provision for JFS-C Auditor Initial Registration".
1）Certification bodies shall confirm that auditors wishing to register meet the following requirements prior to their initial registration. ① Completion of a training course (40 hours, five days, in principle) to acquire auditing skills and knowledge based on a quality management system or food safety management system and knowledge of related laws and regulations. ② Completion of a training course (minimum of two days) or equivalent training to acquire HACCP (Food Safety Hazard and Risk Assessment) skills and knowledge based on the principles of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. ③ Completion of the training program specified in ①	1）Certification bodies shall confirm that auditors wishing to register meet the following requirements prior to their initial registration. ①Completion of a training course (40 hours, five days, in principle) to acquire auditing skills and knowledge based on a quality management system or food safety management system and knowledge of related laws and regulations. ②Completion of a training course (minimum of two days) or equivalent training to acquire HACCP (Food Safety Hazard and Risk Assessment) skills and knowledge based on the principles of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. ③Completion of the training program specified in 6.2.6 1)	Revision of related descriptions in accordance with the preparation of "Provision for JFS-C Auditor Initial Registration".
3）Certification bodies shall assess the passing of the GFSI recognized certification program by an assessor prior to the initial registration of the auditor. Assessment of competency requires at least three audit assessments, at least one of which shall be an audit witnessed by personnel capable of assessing the competency of auditors.	3）Prior the initial registration of an auditor, Certification bodies shall assess the audit by the auditor in accordance with "Provision for JFS-C Auditor Initial Registration".	Revision of related descriptions in accordance with the preparation of "Provision for JFS-C Auditor Initial Registration".
6.2.4 Audit performance and assessment program	6.2.4 Audit performance and assessment program	
3）Re-assessment of auditor competency At least once a year JFSM confirms whether each registered auditor meets the requirements of 6.2.4, 1) ①or ②above. If any auditor fails to meet this requirement, JFSM will suspend the registration of that auditor. To cancel the suspension, the certification body may reapply to JFSM for the registration of the auditor by reassessing the auditor's competence in accordance with the assessment program for the initial registration in 6.2.3, 3), and recording and submitting the results of the assessment to JFSM.	3）Re-assessment of auditor competency At least once a year JFSM confirms whether each registered auditor meets the requirements of 6.2.4, 1). If any auditor fails to meet this requirement, JFSM will suspend the registration of that auditor. To cancel the suspension, the certification body may reapply to JFSM for the registration of the auditor by reassessing the auditor's competence in accordance with evaluation of audits based on the requirements of 6.2.3, 3), and recording and submitting the results of the assessment to JFSM.	Revision of related descriptions in accordance with the preparation of "Provision for JFS-C Auditor Initial Registration".
6.2.5 Continuing professional development Certification bodies shall ensure that all auditors have access to information on sector or subsector best practices, food safety, the latest developments in technology, relevant legal and regulatory requirements. Certification bodies shall maintain records on all relevant training received by the auditors.	6.2.5 Continuing professional development 1）Certification bodies shall ensure that all auditors have access to information on sector or subsector best practices, food safety, the latest developments in technology, relevant legal and regulatory requirements. Certification bodies shall maintain records on all relevant training received by the auditors. 2）Certification bodies shall urge continuous professional development of auditors in accordance with the step-up flow from R0 auditors to R1 auditors presented by JFSM in the "JFS-C Auditor Initial Registration Provision."	Revision of related descriptions in accordance with the preparation of "Provision for JFS-C Auditor Initial Registration".
6.2.6 Auditor training 1）Training conducted by trainers ① Certification bodies shall ensure that trainers in charge of conducting auditor training in the certification bodies (hereinafter referred to as "trainers") have completed the training provided by JFSM. ② Trainers shall establish annual training programs based on the training defined above and conduct the programs for the auditors. The training programs shall include the following. a) Knowledge of the JFS-C Standard and the JFS-C Certification Program b) Knowledge of revisions of the JFS-C Standard and the JFS-C Certification Program c) Knowledge of sector-specific or subsector-specific food safety ③ Certification bodies shall assess the degree of understanding of auditors who have completed the training programs of the relevant institutions defined in ②above by testing, interviews, or other methods.	6.2.6 Auditor training 1）Certification bodies shall ensure that persons in charge of education and training of auditors at the certification body (hereinafter referred to as "Trainers ") complete the education and training provided by JFSM. The education and training provided by JFSM include the content of educational materials related to the JFS-C standard or certification program. 2）Trainers shall establish annual training programs based on the training defined above and conduct the programs for the auditors. The training programs shall include the following. a) Knowledge of the JFS-C Standard and the JFS-C Certification Program b) Knowledge of revisions of the JFS-C Standard and the JFS-C Certification Program c) Knowledge of sector-specific or subsector-specific food safety 3）Certification bodies shall assess the degree of understanding of auditors who have completed the training programs of the relevant institutions defined in 2）above by testing, interviews, or other methods.	Revision of related descriptions in accordance with the preparation of "Provision for JFS-C Auditor Initial Registration".
6.2.7 Extension of auditable sectors or subsectors In order to extend their auditable sectors or subsectors, auditors shall take a training program similar to the initial registration requirements for auditors described in 6.2.3 and conduct at least three supervised audits for the new sectors or subsectors. At least one of these audits shall be a witnessed audit accompanied by an audit instructor capable of assessing the competency of auditors. The certification body shall assess the results of the training and audits, evaluate whether the auditor has the ability to conduct audits in the new sectors or subsectors, and approve the extension of the audit scope.	6.2.7 Extension of auditable sectors or subsectors In order to expand the scope of auditor audits, certification bodies shall urge auditors to attend training programs in the new sector or sub-sector, and shall ensure that at least three audits of the new sector or sub-sector, as well as the " Provision for JFS-C Auditor Initial Registration" as described in 6.2.3, have been conducted. At least one of these audits shall be a witnessed audit accompanied by an audit instructor capable of assessing the competency of auditors. The certification body shall assess the results of the training and audits, evaluate whether the auditor has the ability to conduct audits in the new sectors or subsectors, and approve the extension of the audit scope.	Revision of related descriptions in accordance with the preparation of "Provision for JFS-C Auditor Initial Registration".
6.3 Competence required for technical reviewers	**6.3 Competence required for technical reviewers**	
Certification bodies shall ensure below competences of technical reviewers, who review audit report technically, and shall record competencies individually. 1) Competences required by ISO/IEC 17021, ISO/TS22003	Certification bodies shall ensure below competences of technical reviewers, who review audit report technically, and shall record competencies individually. 1) Competences required by ISO/IEC 17021-1, ISO 22003-1	Changes due to revision from ISO/TS 22003 to ISO 22003-1
6.4 Witness-assessors competence	**6.4 Witness-assessors competence**	
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