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To all certification bodies accredited for the FSSC 22000 scheme  
Scheme managers

To all associations of conformity assessment bodies

**Re: Department of Certification and Inspection – informative circular N° 6/2018  
Guidance for the extension of accreditation of certification bodies to the FSSC 22000-  
Quality scheme**

Dear Mr and Mrs,

With the present circular we inform you that certification bodies intending to operate in the FSSC 22000-  
Quality scheme shall present their application for accreditation/extension to ACCREDIA.

The requirements for issuing a FSSC-Quality certificate are as follows:

- possession of valid accreditation both for the standard ISO 9001:2015 and for the scheme FSSC 22000 v.4.1;
- the FSSC category correlated to an accredited IAF sector;

The category/IAF sector correlation is described in the table below:

Category	Sub- category		IAF sector	
A	AI	Farming of animals for meat/milk/eggs/honey	1	Agriculture, forestry and fishing
	AII	Farming of fish and seafood		
C	CI	Processing of perishable animal products	3	Food products, beverages and tobacco
	CII	Processing of perishable plant products		
	CIII	Processing of perishable animal and plant products (mixed products)		
	CIV	Processing of ambient stable products		
D	DI	Production of animal feed	3	Food products, beverages and tobacco
	DII	Production of pet food for dogs and cats		
	DII	Production of pet food for other pets than dogs and cats		
E	N/A	Catering	30	Hotels and restaurants
F	F1	Retail	29a	Wholesale and retail trade and trade intermediaries

G	GI	Provision of transport and storage services for perishable food and feed	31a	Transport, storage and shipping
	GII	Provision of transport and storage services for ambient food and feed		
I	N/A	Production of food and feed packaging and packaging material	6	Wood and wood products
			7	Pulp, paper and paper products
			14	Rubber and plastic products
			17	Basic metals and fabricated metal products
K	N/A	Production of (bio)chemicals	3	Food products, beverages and tobacco

### Process of accreditation

There are various different situations which may present themselves depending upon ACCREDIA accreditations already held by the certification body making the application for accreditation or extension.

An CAB already accredited for the ISO 9001 and FSSC 22000 schemes in accordance with the table of correlations	ACCREDIA performs a document review with duration of 0,5 day to verify that the system documentation is updated.
A CAB already accredited for the scheme ISO 9001 but not for FSSC 22000	The CAB shall present the application for the FSSC 22000 scheme in the categories correlated to the accredited IAF sectors according to the table and shall specify its intention to operate according to FSSC-Quality.
A CAB already accredited for the scheme FSSC 22000 but not for ISO 9001	The CAB shall present the application for accreditation for the ISO 9001 scheme in the IAF sectors correlated to the FSSC categories in accordance with the table and shall specify its intention to operate according to FSSC-Quality.
A CAB not accredited either for ISO 9001 or for the FSSC 22000 scheme	The CAB shall present the application for accreditation for both schemes and shall specify its intention to operate according to FSSC-Quality.
A CAB with categories or IAF sectors which are not correlated (e.g. a CAB possessing Category A and IAF sector 3)	The CAB shall present the application for extension of the category or IAF sector (e.g. extension to Category C or IAF sector 1).

### Maintenance activities

Witness assessments performed by ACCREDIA against the FSSC 22000-Quality scheme shall be considered valid as maintenance activities both for the FSSC 22000 and for the ISO 9001 schemes, for the applicable categories/sectors.

Best regards,

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**Of Certification and Inspection**

