



KENYA ACCREDITATION SERVICE

Transition of Food Safety Management System Accreditation from ISO/IEC TS 22003:2007 to ISO/IEC TS 22003:2013

1. Introduction

- 1.1 ISO/TS 22003:2013 was published on 15th December 2013 to replace ISO/TS 22003:2007 which was subject to systematic review and revision. The **ISO/TS 22003:2013 Food safety management systems -- Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of food safety management systems** incorporates revised and new requirements for third party certification auditing of Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS) and the competence of personnel involved in the certification process.
- 1.2 Resolution 2013-14 No 8 was passed by the IAF General Assembly in Seoul, South Korea on 25th October 2013 endorsed the revision of ISO/TS 22003:2013 Food safety management systems - Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of food safety management systems, as a normative document.
- 1.3 This document describes the transitional requirements concerning the assessments against the ISO/IEC TS 22003:2013. It details how accreditation will be done in line with the technical specification and the transition arrangements of the already accredited Management Systems Certification Bodies to this new standard. These will result in the need for Certification Bodies (CBs) to implement changes within their management systems and processes in order to maintain KENAS accreditation in the future.
- 1.4 KENAS will be ready to carry out assessments as per ISO/IEC TS 22003:2013 by **31st December 2015**.

2. Transition of KENAS FSMS Accredited Certification Bodies

KENAS assessments against the revised technical specification will be performed as much from **1st January 2016** within the planned Surveillance Assessments. KENAS

has provided the transitional provisions for the implementation of ISO/IEC TS 22003:2013 as follows:

2.1 New applications for accreditation:

All new applicants received from **1st January 2016** shall be against the new standard ISO/IEC TS 17021-1:2015 together with the ISO/TS 22003:2013

2.2 Existing accreditations:

For the existing accreditation KENAS shall apply the following transitional provision for the effective implementation of ISO/TS 22003:2013

2.2.1 Transitional assessments shall consist of at least an evaluation of the Certification Body's (CB) documented system in line with the revised ISO TS 22003:2013

2.2.3 KENAS will levy a charge for the document review in line with KENAS fees structure.

2.2.4 These transitional assessments will be performed as far as possible within the planned surveillance assessments in order to avoid extra costs for the CB.

2.2.5 All surveillance and reaccreditation assessment scheduled to take place after **1st January 2016** shall be against the ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and the ISO/TS 22003:2013.

3. Preparation time

3.1 All accredited and applicant CBs shall provide KENAS with revised management system documentation addressing all new requirements of ISO TS 22003:2013 and cross reference matrix of internal documents against the technical specification, prior to their next assessment.

3.2 All accredited certification bodies shall submit their transition action plan to KENAS by no later than **31st August 2014**. The action plan must demonstrate how the CB has analysed the new standard and its implications to their management system and operations. The action plan shall also indicate how the CB will effectively implement all the changes needed to comply before the transition date.

3.3 As a minimum the plan should include:

- i) All specific actions to be taken to implement the changes;
- ii) The timelines for completion of actions;

