

■JFS Audit and Conformity Assessment Program Document · Proposed revisions Comparison table

JFS Audit and Conformity Assessment Program Document Ver.3.0			Revised draft			Changes
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2.2	Organizational Structure	<p>2. JFSM establishes a Stakeholder Committee and an audit company and Training Course Recognition Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Recognition Committee") with the approval of the Board of Directors. The duties of each committee are as follows.</p> <p>① Audit Company and Training Course Recognition Committee: Committee to review audit companies and training institutions and their training courses to determine recognition, suspension, withdrawal, or renewal of recognition. Based on a proposal from JFSM Secretariat, the Committee shall consist of the following members approved by the Board of Directors.</p> <p>(1) Experts in the food and food raw material manufacturing industry (2) Experts from the distribution industry (3) Consumer representatives (4) Experts in accreditation or certification (5) Academic experts (food safety and audit training)</p> <p>The establishment and operation of the audit company and training course recognition committee shall be stipulated in the "Rules of the audit company and training course recognition committee".</p> <p>2. Stakeholder Committee: This committee is an advisory body composed of stakeholders to enable this program to be operated fairly and equitably.</p> <p>It shall consist of the following members, appointed and dismissed by the President with the approval of the Board of Directors</p> <p>(1) Representatives of the food and food ingredient manufacturing industry (2) Representatives of the distribution industry (3) Consumer representatives (4) Representatives of auditing companies (5) A representative of a training organization (if necessary) (6) Food safety experts (7) Experts on specific issues (technical experts on specific sectors or sub-sectors and/or representatives of relevant businesses, if necessary)</p> <p>Each member will provide expert advice in consultation with the Board of Directors or the President, and each member will provide independent stakeholder input. The committee is stipulated in the "Stakeholder Committee Establishment and Operation Rules".</p>	2.2	Organizational Structure	<p>2. JFSM establishes a Stakeholder Committee and an audit company and Training Course Recognition Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Recognition Committee") with the approval of the Board of Directors. The establishment and operation of the audit company and training course recognition committee shall be stipulated in the "Rules of the audit company and training course recognition committee."</p> <p>Each member will provide expert advice in consultation with the Board of Directors or the President, and each member will provide independent stakeholder input. The committee is stipulated in the "Stakeholder Committee Establishment and Operation Rules".</p>	*The content was summarized in the regulations.
2.3	Maintenance of Conformity Assessment Program	<p>4. JFSM shall review this program at least once a year through management review and internal audit, and revise it as necessary after consultation with the Stakeholder Committee. When reviewing, JFSM confirms that the standard documents of the program are up-to-date and that opinions, questions, and complaints from stakeholders are taken into account.</p>	2.3	Maintenance of Conformity Assessment Program	<p>4. JFSM shall review this program at least once a year through management review and internal audit, and revise it as necessary after consultation with the Stakeholder Committee. When reviewing, JFSM confirms that the standard documents of the program are appropriate and that opinions, questions, and complaints from stakeholders are taken into account.</p>	*Only corrections to the wording.
3.1	Audit Company Criteria	<p>6. Shall have a system in place based on ISO 9001:2018, Paragraph 4 (Audit Principles) for auditors, reviewers, and other personnel involved in auditing activities to conduct independent and fair audits.</p>	3.1	Audit Company Criteria	<p>6. Shall have a system in place based on ISO 9001:2020, Paragraph 4 (Audit Principles) for auditors, reviewers, and other personnel involved in auditing activities to conduct independent and fair audits.</p>	*Update to the latest version
3.4	Audit Company Registration and Announcement	<p>[Modification of the audit company's system.] Notification to JFSM using the required form. The information is entered into JFSM-DB after confirmation by JFSM.</p> <p>[Cancellation of Conforming organization, Partial Sector Cancellation.] Notification to JFSM using the required form.</p> <p>[Change of registered information on the conforming organization.] Report to JFSM by email after entering JFSM-DB.</p>	3.4	Audit Company Registration and Announcement	<p>[Modification of the audit company's system.] Enter in JFSM-DB and notification to JFSM using the required form.</p> <p>[Cancellation of Conforming organization, Partial Sector Cancellation.] Submit to JFSM in written form.</p> <p>[Change of registered information on the conforming organization.] Enter in JFSM-DB.</p>	<p>*[Modification of the audit company's system.] [Cancellation of Conforming organization, Partial Sector Cancellation.] Modify to match the current system.</p> <p>*[Change of registered information on the conforming organization.] Changes to the response procedure.</p>
3.9	Feedback from Conforming Organization	<p>The audit company shall have a structure to obtain feedback from the audited organization regarding the audit and conformity assessment from the conforming organization after the completion of the audit, e.g., through questionnaires.</p>	3.9	Feedback from Conforming Organization	<p>The audit company shall have a structure to obtain feedback from the audited organization regarding the audit and conformity assessment after the completion of the audit, e.g., through questionnaires.</p>	*Correction of duplicate entries
4.1	Validity of Audit and Conformity Assessment	<p>*1 In the case of an audit conducted on February 29, the letter of conformance shall be valid until February 28, three years later.</p>	4.1	Validity of Audit and Conformity Assessment	<p>*1 In the case of issue of a Letter of Conformance on January 10, the letter of conformance shall be valid until January 9, three years later.</p>	*Modify to match the current system.
4.5	Implementation of Audit	<p>2. Scope of audit (sector/subsector, products/types covered (in the case of food services), etc.)</p>	4.5	Implementation of Audit	<p>2. Scope of audit (sector/subsector)</p>	*Summarized in the Food Service Regulations
4.10	Issue of a Letter of Conformance	<p>① When an audit company determines an organization to conform to the initial audit, it issues a letter of conformance to the organization after entering the information into JFSM-DB and confirming it by JFSM. The validity period of the conformity assessment shall be under 4.1.</p> <p>②</p> <p>③ Name of representative auditor</p> <p>④ Name of the reviewer or representative of the Assessment Review Committee</p>	4.10	Issue of a Letter of Conformance	<p>① When an audit company determines an organization to conform to the initial audit, it issues a letter of conformance to the organization after entering the information into JFSM-DB. The validity period of the conformity assessment shall be under 4.1.</p> <p>③ Name of representative auditor (Optionally, this can be replaced with the auditor registration ID.)</p> <p>④ Name of the reviewer or representative of the Assessment Review Committee (Optionally, this can be replaced with the reviewer registration ID.)</p> <p>If using an ID as a substitute, include it in the details or write it alongside the number so that it is clear that it is a registered ID. The ID must be displayed as a 5-digit number starting with 0.</p>	<p>(1) Changes to the response procedure. We will also be changing the database manual in the future.</p> <p>(2) ID display can be enabled at will.</p>
4.11	Registration of conforming organization	<p>② The audit company shall collect the registration fee from the conforming organization and pay it to JFSM. The registration fee shall be determined separately by JFSM.</p>	4.11	Registration of conforming organization	<p>② The audit company shall pay the registration fee to JFSM. The registration fee shall be determined separately by JFSM.</p>	*Modify to match the current system.
4.14	Minute Changes of Registration Data on Letter of conformance	<p>If the audit company deems it necessary to change the registered items of the letter of conformance, the company shall change the registration of JFSM-DB and send the changed letter of conformance to JFSM (See 3.4).</p>	4.14	Minute Changes of Registration Data on Letter of conformance	<p>If the audit company deems it necessary to change the registered items of the letter of conformance, the company shall change the registration of JFSM-DB and issue a Letter of Conformance (See 3.4).</p>	Changes to the response procedure.
5.2	Requirements for Auditor Registration	<p>① ① Confirm that the prospective auditor has completed training conducted by a training organization approved by JFSM or designated by JFSM within the past 10 years. ② Confirm that the candidate has been registered with another audit company as an auditor for the sector concerned under JFSM standards.</p>	5.2	Requirements for Auditor Registration	<p>① ① Confirm that the prospective auditor has completed training conducted by a training organization approved by JFSM or designated by JFSM within the past 10 years. ② Confirm that the candidate has been registered with another audit company as an auditor for the sector concerned under JFSM standards or confirm that the candidate has been registered with another certification bodies as an auditor for the sector concerned under JFSM standards.</p>	<p>*Additional requirements are listed.</p> <p>*Only condition ① can be satisfied by JFS-C auditor.</p>
Annex 2	Audit and Conformity Assessment Flow and Procedure	<p>Major nonconformity If appropriate corrective action is not taken within a period of three months, the conformity assessment shall be suspended.</p> <p>Minor nonconformity In principle, if appropriate corrective actions are not taken within a period of three months, the suspension shall be considered a temporary suspension.</p>	Annex 2	Audit and Conformity Assessment Flow and Procedure	<p>Major nonconformity If appropriate correction and corrective action is not taken within a period of three months, the conformity assessment shall be suspended.</p> <p>Minor nonconformity In principle, if appropriate correction and a corrective action plan are not taken within a period of three months, the suspension shall be considered a temporary suspension.</p>	*The wording has been revised to make it easier to understand.
Annex 3	Standard Documents and Applicable Sectors	<p>the JFS Standard (Food Service) Sector: G, JFS Standard/Food Service-Multisite) Sector: GM, Sector and subsector name: Manufacture of chemical products (including biochemical products) (Manufacture of additives, vitamins, minerals, cultures, flavors, enzymes, processing aids, etc.)</p>	Annex 3	Standard Documents and Applicable Sectors	<p>Regarding the JFS Standard (Food Service), JFS Standard/Food Service-Multisite), Sector and subsector name: Manufacture of chemical products (including biochemical products) (Production of chemical products (including biochemical products) and cultures used as food ingredients or processing aids in food production.)</p>	*Update to the latest version
Annex 4	Scope of Conforming Assessment, Experience in Work Related to Food Safety	<p>Table 1: Examples of industries and end products that fall into the sector/subsector: Manufacture of chemical products (including biochemical products) (Manufacture of additives, vitamins, minerals, cultures, flavors, enzymes, processing aids, etc.)</p> <p>C I [seaweed]</p>	Annex 4	Scope of Conforming Assessment, Experience in Work Related to Food Safety	<p>Table 1: Examples of industries and end products that fall into the sector/subsector: Manufacture of chemical products (including biochemical products) (Production of chemical products (including biochemical products) and cultures used as food ingredients or processing aids in food production.)</p> <p>C II [seaweed II]</p>	<p>*Update to the latest version</p> <p>*Typo correction</p>
Annex 6	Definition of Terms	<p>HACCP Plan (From Codex General Principles of Food Hygiene 2020)</p>	Annex 6	Definition of Terms	<p>HACCP Plan (From Codex General Principles of Food Hygiene 2022)</p>	*Update to the latest version