

Overview of the Revision to the JFS-B and JFS-A Standard [Requirements for Organizations] Ver. 3.1

Japan Food Safety Management Association (JFSM)

1. Purpose of the Revision to the JFS-B and JFS-A Standard [Requirements for Organizations] Ver. 3.1

The Japan Food Safety Management Association (hereinafter referred to as “JFSM”) issued the JFS-A/B Standards Ver. 3.0 on March 31, 2022, and as of September 2026, the standards are being widely used both in Japan and overseas.

Since the issuance of Ver. 3.0, the JFS-C Standard has been revised through Ver. 3.0, Ver. 3.1, and Ver. 3.2, the JFS-B Plus Standard has been newly established, the Food Service Standard has been revised to Ver. 2.0, and the JFS Standard (Food Service and Multisite) has also been revised. These revisions have identified items that should also be addressed in the JFS-A/B Standards, including food safety culture, food fraud prevention, and hazards requiring enhanced control.

This revision has been made with the aim of ensuring consistency with the higher-level JFS-B Plus and JFS-C Standards, while making the JFS-A and JFS-B Standards easier to understand for organizations of various regions and sizes and ensuring that the requirements function effectively.

2. Major Revision Points of the JFS-B Standard and JFS-A Standard [Requirements for Organizations] Ver. 3.1

(1) Revision Points to the JFS-A/B Standards Ver. 3.1

① Approach to “Food Safety Culture” and “Food Fraud Prevention”

While these are specified as requirements in the JFS-B Plus and JFS-C Standards, they are positioned in the JFS-A/B Standards as initiatives that support the implementation of existing requirements, rather than as standalone requirements, so that organizations at the basic and intermediate levels can readily undertake them. This approach is expected to promote their introduction and establishment according to the circumstances of each organization, while preventing excessive burden and formalistic implementation, and to facilitate future step-up to higher-level standards.

② Addressing “Significant hazards that require particularly enhanced controls ” (GMP 4)

The structure and wording of the existing GMP 4 requirements have been reviewed to ensure consistency with the JFS-B Plus and JFS-C Standards. The relationship with HACCP Step 6 has been clarified, and the requirements have been organized so that they can be utilized in hazard analysis. The term “Significant hazards that require particularly enhanced

controls ” has also been added to the glossary, and the concept of “greater attention” is addressed in the Guidelines described below in order to facilitate understanding.

③ Alignment with Codex HACCP GPFH 2022

In the JFS-B Standard, “identification of the scope of the HACCP system” has been added to HACCP Step 1 in order to ensure alignment with Codex HACCP GPFH 2022.

④ Alignment with the JFS-B Plus and JFS-C Standards and Revision of Wording

The wording of the requirements has been reviewed to improve consistency with the higher-level standards. In addition, subjects have been added and descriptions clarified to make the requirements easier to understand.

(2) Main Features of the JFS-B and JFS-A Standard Guideline Ver. 3.1

The sections formerly entitled “Concepts and Specific Examples” have been comprehensively re-edited so that the concepts and examples for each item specified in the requirements can be understood more easily. While retaining the amount of information provided to date, the item structure and layout have been improved to make the Guidelines easier to read and understand.

As with the HACCP section, an overview of GMP as a whole has been included at the beginning of the GMP section. Information has been added so that the concepts and examples for all items specified in the requirements are covered, and figures and tables have been added to facilitate understanding.

Where necessary, figures and tables explaining the overall requirements that were previously included within individual requirements have been presented separately and added to the table of contents to make them easier to find. A table-of-contents function has also been added.

3. Transition to the JFS-B and JFS-A Standard [Requirements for Organizations] Ver. 3.1

The deadline for transition from Ver. 3.0 to Ver. 3.1 is the end of December 2027.

Applicable Documents

- JFS-A Standard [Requirements for Organizations] Ver. 3.1
- JFS-A Standard [Requirements for Organizations] Ver. 3.1 [Guideline] Edition 1.0
- JFS-B Standard [Requirements for Organizations] Ver. 3.1
- JFS-B Standard [Requirements for Organizations] Ver. 3.1 [Guideline] Edition 1.0

Reference Materials

- Comparison of JFS-A Standard [Requirements for Organizations] Ver. 3.0 and Ver. 3.1
- JFS-A Standard (Ver. 3.1) Self-Check List
- Comparison of JFS-B Standard [Requirements for Organizations] Ver. 3.0 and Ver. 3.1
- JFS-B Standard (Ver. 3.1) Self-Check List