

December 25, 2019

To contracted accreditation body(ies)

To contracted certification body(ies)

Transition to JFS-C certification Scheme Document Ver. 2.5

Japan Food Safety Management Association

We hope that your business is successful at all times.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in the activities of the Japan Food Safety Management Association.

In order to further enhance the consistency with the GFSI benchmark requirements, the JFS - C certification Scheme Documents have been revised to the version 2.5 (hereinafter referred to as “C Scheme Document ver. 2.5”) and released on December 25, 2019.

In connection with this revision, we would notify the following messages for your clarification.

Best Regards,

1. Application

The C Scheme Document ver. 2.5 shall become effective on December 25, 2019.

2. Measures required by this version-change

1) For contracted certification body(ies)

The revision from ver. 2.4 to ver. 2.5 is intended to introduce new rules for contracting with a new certification body but has no influence to the existing certified organizations and contracted certification bodies. Therefore, the contracted certification bodies have nothing to do with this version-change.

2) For contracted accreditation body(ies)

Any accreditation audit executed thereafter October 24, 2019 on certification body for the transition of the C Scheme Document from ver. 2.3 to ver. 2.4 is automatically regarded as the transition to ver. 2.5. In addition, for any certification bodies already which successfully completed the transition audit to the ver. 2.4 by December 25, 2019, the audit was automatically regarded as the transition to the ver. 2.5.

Contracted accreditation bodies shall deliver accreditation audit to any certification body, which applied for accreditation thereafter December 25, 2019, based on the C Scheme Document ver. 2.5.

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