

July 9, 2021

Contracted Accreditation Bodies  
Contracted Certification Bodies

Notice regarding to termination of the notice JFSM\_2020\_C01N01

Japan Food Safety Management Association

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your continued support and cooperation in the activities of the Japan Food Safety Management Association (hereinafter referred to as "JFSM").

JFSM hereby notifies you that the notice “the measures to be taken for audits and assessments associated with the impact of the new coronavirus infection” issued on March 26, 2020 will be terminated by July 31, 2021.

Yours sincerely

**Notice**

**1. Reason to terminate the notice JFSM\_2020\_C01N01**

The notice issued on March 26, 2020 was linked with the notice issued by GFSI which was to allow exceptional extension of certification expiry for maximum six months due to the difficulty to execute renewal audit on-site because of the pandemic of Covid-19. JFSM thus notified you to apply the same exception for the certificate of JFS-C.

However, GFSI recently informed us that the exceptional rule will not be approved anymore since the restrictions versus Covid-19 pandemic has been reduced and the vaccination has been progressing globally. Therefore, JFSM decided that the exceptional rule applied for JFS-C certificate will be also terminated.

**2. Measures on the termination of the notice JFSM\_2020\_C01N01**

1) Expiration of the exceptional rule

Since GFSI informed us that the exceptional rule will not be approved anymore after August 1, 2021, JFSM will also terminate the rule for JFS-C by July 31, 2021.

2) Dealing with cases requiring special measures

Any renewal audit planned after August 1, 2021 for which execution of on-site audit is still difficult in relation to the pandemic of Covid-19 and thus the extension of the certification expiry is necessary, requires to apply for approval by GFSI. The Certification Body has to submit the application with following declarations.

- a. Circumstances not allowing on-site audit and thus requiring extension of certification expiry in relation to the pandemic of Covid-19
- b. When the situation is expected to improve which should allow on-site audit
- c. Any potential risks anticipated during postponement of the audit and any measures to take for the risks.

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