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Dear FSSC 22000 Certified Clients & Applicants,

On April 10, 2013, Version 3 of Requirements for Organizations that Requirements Certification Part I and Requirements and Regulations for Certification Bodies Part II were published and included updating of requirements and edits made during benchmarking for GFSI Guidance Document 6. PJR highly suggests that you review Version 3 Requirements for Organizations that Requirements Certification Part I, as it directly relates to Certified Organizations. This document can be accessed in the Downloads Section at <http://www.fssc22000.com/en/index.php>.

The Foundation recommends that Food Manufacturers and their Certification Bodies use “FSSC 22000, version 3” for issuing new certificates. The transition period for new certificates is six months after this notification, October 31st 2013.

For those companies with existing certificates that refer to FSSC 22000:2010 or 2011, there will be a transition period to change the certificates. This transition period will be a maximum of one year, with all certificates updated no later May 31st 2014. The transition period is not applicable for the already implemented requirements for Surveillance audits (See Guidance Notes on Surveillance audits version 2, published in January 2013 and available on the FSSC Foundation website).

The table below summarizes the changes to the Requirements for Organizations that Requirements Certification Part I and Requirements and Regulations for Certification Bodies Part II Version 3 documents. It must be noted that some of the changes that affect PJR may affect your Organization.

Section Reference	Change
FSSC Part 1; Appendix 1 A	<p>3. Specific regulatory requirements: Organizations seeking certification shall assure that specifications for ingredients and materials take account of any applicable regulatory requirements [e.g. control of prohibited substances].</p> <p>5. Management of Inputs: The Organization shall implement a system to assure that analysis of inputs critical to the confirmation of product safety is undertaken. The analyses shall be performed to standards equivalent to those described in ISO 17025.</p>
FSSC Part 1; Appendix 1 B	Surveillance audits shall be carried out and reported as described in the scheme document “Guidance Notes on Surveillance Audits” which is available on the website.



FSSC Part 2; Appendix II A 1	7. Requirements for the audit reports Evidence that the client representative has seen the report and has accepted any NCs raised and provided an appropriate response.
FSSC Part 2; Appendix II A 1	11. Notification of factors affecting the certification The CB shall have arrangements in place with Certified Organizations for the timely notification in the event that the Organization becomes aware of legal proceedings with respect to product safety or legality, or in the event of a product recall. The Organization shall immediately, at least within 3 working days, make the CB aware of the situation. The CB in turn shall take appropriate steps to assess the situation and any implications for the certification, and shall take any appropriate action. The CB shall have procedures in place to ensure the integrity of certification following such notification.

Your scheduler will be working with you to ensure your audit to transition your Organization is scheduled appropriately. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ramakrishnan Narasimhan, Food Safety Program Manager (rnarasimhan@pjr.com) or Shannon Craddock, Programs & Accreditations Manager (SCraddock@pjr.com).

We look forward to working with your Organization to ensure a smooth transition. Thank you for your continued patronage. We appreciate your business and being a partner in your success.

Sincerely,

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