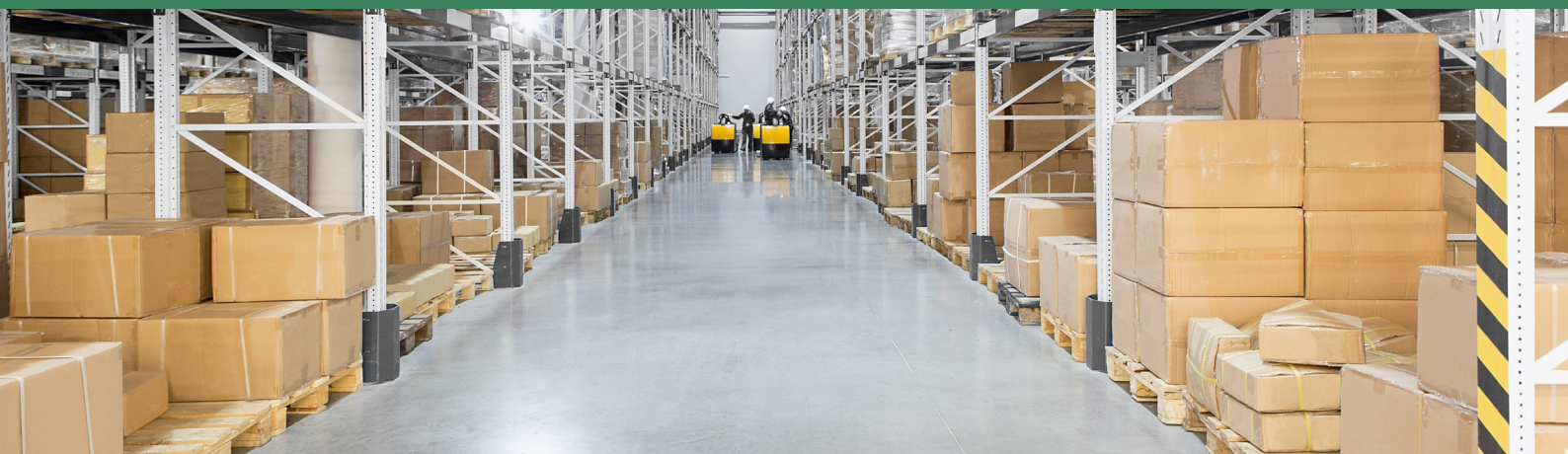**FSSC** 22000

THE BENEFITS OF A TRANSITION FROM

ISO 22000 TO FSSC 22000

Over 30,000 food organizations worldwide have been ISO 22000 certified, and here at FSSC, we understand why. ISO 22000 is a Food Safety Management System standard that covers the HACCP principles according to the Codex Alimentarius. It is a science-based, trustworthy standard developed by international experts. The FSSC 22000 Scheme is founded on ISO standards and, just like ISO 22000, focuses on the continuous improvement of a Food Safety Management System.

But that's not all. FSSC 22000 has two main additional benefits compared to the ISO 22000 standard. The Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) has recognized the FSSC 22000 Scheme through its annual benchmarking process, which results in more business opportunities for FSSC 22000 certified organizations in national and international markets. FSSC 22000 also has a robust integrity program that assures the delivery of trust within the consumer goods industry.

"At Danone Food and beverage China, we experienced the transition from ISO 22000 to FSSC 22000 very smoothly. The reason ... we had a strong ISO 22000 fundament in place. And that allowed us to focus on all of the additional requirements and sector-specific pre-requisite programs FSSC 22000 requires. This way, we could build upon the food safety system we had in place and take it to the next level."

**Peter Dai,
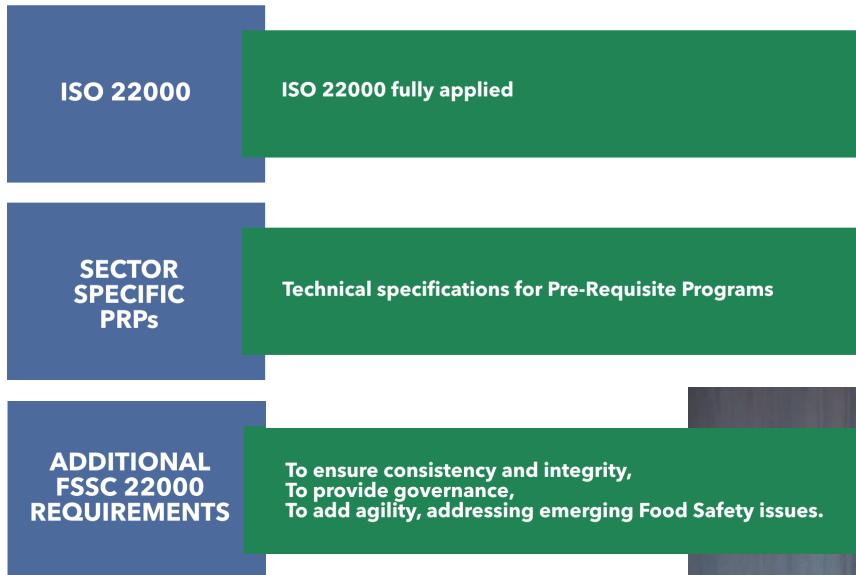Associate Director of Food Safety & Systems,
Danone China**

ACCESS TO INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

One of the FSSC 22000 Scheme's central values is its recognition by the GFSI. Many brand owners specify a GFSI recognized food safety certificate from their suppliers. A rapidly growing number of food organizations worldwide have decided to become FSSC 22000 certified. They are all listed in a **publicly available register** on the FSSC 22000 website.

PROVIDING TRUST

Another benefit FSSC 22000 certification offers in addition to ISO 22000 certification is that it has a robust integrity program in place. With this integrity program, FSSC governs and measures the performance of its licensed certification bodies worldwide, which leads to reliable and consistent audits and certification.
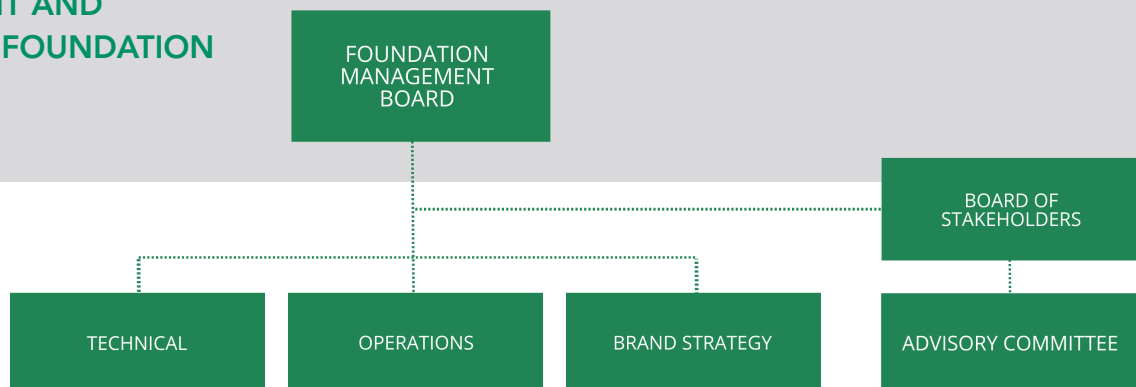
STRUCTURE OF FSSC 22000

FSSC 22000

ISO 22000	ISO 22000 fully applied
SECTOR SPECIFIC PRPs	Technical specifications for Pre-Requisite Programs
ADDITIONAL FSSC 22000 REQUIREMENTS	To ensure consistency and integrity, To provide governance, To add agility, addressing emerging Food Safety issues.

ABOUT FOUNDATION FSSC

The Foundation FSSC is the global non-profit and independent Scheme owner to provide trust and deliver impact to the consumer goods industry. At FSSC, we have been delivering impact on global food safety for over 12 years. We do so by supporting the consumer goods industry in implementing ISO-based management systems, achieving its objectives, and supporting the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals. But that's not all. We continuously provide trust with our licensed partners by having a robust integrity program in place and an advanced assurance platform. Join us at www.fssc22000.com.

OVERVIEW OF THE INDEPENDENT AND NON-PROFIT FOUNDATION

FOUNDATION MANAGEMENT BOARD		BOARD OF STAKEHOLDERS

TECHNICAL	OPERATIONS	BRAND STRATEGY	ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HOW TO BECOME FSSC 22000 CERTIFIED

As an ISO 22000 certified organization, it is a relatively small step towards FSSC 22000 certification, depending on your current management system's content and implementation level. With a gap analysis, you can identify any missing elements.

Are you interested in becoming FSSC 22000 certified and getting the full value of your food safety management system? Then follow these steps to begin the transition process:

1 Get information on the FSSC 22000 requirements. Alongside the generic ISO 22000 requirements, you need to select the appropriate ISO technical specification (ISO/TS 22002-x or PAS 221) covering the prerequisite program requirements for your sector and the additional FSSC 22000 requirements specified in Part 2 of the FSSC 22000 Scheme documents.

2 Perform a gap analysis against the applicable FSSC 22000 requirements. A gap analysis is not mandatory but will support you in identifying and closing any gaps in your system.

3 Select a licensed certification body from the list available on our website. You can also see the (sub)categories they are approved for and in which countries they operate.

4 Request that the Certification Body provides an FSSC 22000 certification audit proposal.

5 The Certification Body can inform you of all the details of the delivery of the FSSC 22000 certification audit and subsequent annual surveillance audits for a complete certification cycle of 3 years. The additional time required from the ISO 22000 audit is minimal compared to the benefits FSSC 22000 can bring.

So, why not push forward, achieve FSSC 22000 certification and maximize the value? It is the most efficient way to proceed from ISO 22000 to a GFSI recognized scheme.

Guidance documents to assist with implementing and managing FSSC 22000 are available on the FSSC 22000 website **here**.