Annex A: Accepted schemes

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This annex is the complete list of schemes accepted in place of a required standard. A scheme absent from this table is not accepted. This annex is reissued whenever a scheme is added or withdrawn and supersedes any copy held elsewhere.

Required standard	Accepted in place of it	Not accepted
ISO 22000	FSSC 22000 BRCGS Food Safety IFS Food	Any scheme not listed here, including packaging and primary production schemes
BRCGS Packaging Materials	Nothing. The required scheme must be held.	Food safety management schemes, including ISO 22000 and FSSC 22000
GLOBALG.A.P.	Nothing. The required scheme must be held.	Processing and manufacturing schemes

Notes on individual schemes

ISO 22000 is the required standard for manufactured ingredients. It certifies a food safety management system and says nothing on its own about the products in scope, which is why section 10 of the policy is assessed separately.

FSSC 22000 is built on ISO 22000 with additional sector requirements, and is accepted in place of it.

BRCGS Food Safety is accepted in place of ISO 22000. It is a different document from BRCGS Packaging Materials and the two are not interchangeable, despite the shared owner and the similar appearance of the certificates.

IFS Food was added to the schemes accepted in place of ISO 22000 at version 5.0 of this policy. Assessments made before that version refused it. Any guidance stating that IFS Food is not accepted is withdrawn.

BRCGS Packaging Materials is the required standard for packaging. No food safety management scheme is accepted in its place, because a food scheme does not assess the material's suitability for food contact.

GLOBALG.A.P. is the required standard for raw agricultural materials. No processing or manufacturing scheme is accepted in its place. A supplier of primary produce holds it or the material is not released.