

Global Safety and Quality Management System Certification Scheme for Home, Laundry and Personal Care products

In November 2014 the PAS 420 standard, *Product safety management system for the manufacturing of home and/or personal care products*, was published by BSI, the British Standards Institution. Important global organizations like Unilever, Metro AG, McBride, Henkel AG and DNVGL were involved in the development of PAS 420.

PAS 420 sets out the requirements for implementation of a product safety management system for the production of HPC products and for raw/packaging materials used to manufacture these HPC products.

On request of a number of large international HPC stakeholders the Foundation FSSC 22000, being the owner of FSSC 22000 (a leading global food safety and quality management system certification Scheme) has, supported by a Stakeholders Committee, established the HPC 420 Scheme.

HPC 420 sets out the requirements for auditing and certification of safety and quality management systems for home, laundry and personal care products.

In the international food sector the FSSC 22000 Scheme application has proven to highly reduce safety risks and to considerably reduce costs in the whole supply chain. This, and the non-for profit, independent, stakeholders- governed nature of FSSC, explains why a large number of A-brands food manufacturers, trading companies and retailers (a.o. Coca Cola, Kraft, Unilever, Nestle, McDonalds, Danone, Walmart) have chosen for FSSC 22000 certification for their own plants and as an accepted Scheme for their suppliers. FSSC 22000 consists of three elements, being ISO 22000, Pre-requisite requirements and additional, specific FSSC 22000 requirements for both companies and certification bodies.

FSSC 22000 now has over 15.000 certificates from 146 countries, with 104 certification bodies under contract and with 32 accreditation bodies liaised.

The HPC 420 Scheme is based on the PAS 420 standard on safety management and adds a management component for product quality. The Scheme further has extensive requirements for certification bodies and auditors, including a mandatory report template, as well as requirements for accreditation bodies. The HPC 420 report format provides guidance for implementation and certification of HPC 420.

HPC 420 is applicable for the following scopes:

Sector A; the manufacturing of Home Care products (e.g. detergents, fabric softener, dish washing tablets etc.),

Sector B; the manufacturing of Personal Care products (e.g. shampoo, lipsticks, cotton pads, soap),

Sector C; (bio)chemical manufacturing (HPC ingredients e.g. vitamins, additives and bio-extracts (but excluding technical and technological aids of the manufacturing process),

Sector D; the manufacturing of HPC product packaging (e.g. direct, indirect contact with the HPC products).

HPC 420 will control the integrity of its Scheme and granting of certificates by all contracted certification bodies through its Integrity Program which includes:

- Strict control over licensed certification bodies
- Auditor registration
- Desk reviews of audit reports and auditor qualifications and performance
- Scope reviews
- Office and witness audits
- KPI-driven database analyses of audit reports and auditors
- Sanction policy
- Requirements for accreditation bodies and good relation with IAF
- Harmonization between certification bodies

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