

FAQ Public Consultation #GMP+2020

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1. Structure

1.1. What will be the structure of the new GMP+ FSA Module?

The new GMP+ FSA Module is divided into two parts there will be ONE general part with Feed Safety Management Requirements for ALL companies. For specific activities, additional requirements will be in place in the second part with Technical Specifications.

The general part with the Feed Safety Management Requirements (GMP+ FR) is based on the ISO22000. This part is applicable for all companies that are currently certified for their Feed activities based on the following standards GMP+ B1, B2, B3 or B4.

The second part with the Technical Specification (GMP+ TS) is supplementary to the general part and, depending on the specific activities of your company, the requirements are applicable. In the general part there are references to these Technical Specifications.



1.2. Which version of the ISO2200 forms the basis for the GMP+2020 scheme?

The GMP+ 2020 scheme is based on the ISO222000:2018 version.

1.3. [Are all elements of the ISO22000 integrated in the new GMP+ FSA Module?](#)

The High Level Structure of ISO22000: 2018 is the foundation for the structure of the scheme. In general the structure (content table) is more or less the same. Two items deviate, these are the context of the organization (§ 4.1) & § 6.1 actions to address risks and opportunities and within chapter 8 Operations about HACCP system. Within the GMP+ FSA Module 2020 the current HACCP system has been used.

1.4. [Why hasn't the HACCP system of ISO22000 been adapted?](#)

This is done because the intention of the project is not to change the content of the GMP+ scheme but only to restructure and to rewrite. Adapting the HACCP system of ISO22000 would require an update on the HACCP system of the GMP+ scheme for a lot of companies that are not applying for ISO22000 at the moment. Both HACCP systems can be implemented.

1.5. [What has changed in the scheme?](#)

The aim and goal of the #ProjectGMP+2020 is to restructure and rewrite the current GMP+ FSA Module with the goal to simply in structure, improve readability and focus with the requirements more on the goal to achieve and less on the process. This gives participants more freedom to find out what works for them.

Practically this means that double text has been deleted, 4 standards (GMP+ B1, B2, B3 and B4) are merged into one standards and requirements are rewritten to make them more to the point and goal oriented. Because of that some items are written differently and therefor some content changes have been made. We will inform the GMP+ Community about all the changes.

1.6. [What has not changed in the new GMP+ FSA Module?](#)

The level of feed safety assurance stays the same. Also the scopes of the GMP+ scheme will remain the same. So if a company is currently certified for the production of compound feed and the production of premixtures based on the B1 standard they will keep their scopes and will be certified based on the GMP+ FSA Module.

1.7. [What is new in the list of Technical Specifications?](#)

Three new documents in the TS-series, are the TS1 Prerequisites program, TS11 Transport activities and TS12 Operational activities.

In the current structure these requirements were included in the standard itself, but now the PRP's are documented in their own Technical Specification.

New in the list of the TS is the Product list, this is currently part of FSP but now will get its normative status by including it into the scheme. New is also a document about digital submission of analyze results in the GMP+ Monitoring database.

1.8. [References have been made to Guidances. What can I expect from these Guidances?](#)

Guidances are documents which contain relevant information and/or contain examples to help understanding requirements to implement the GMP+ FSA Module. They should be used as a support for a company to help them implement the GMP+ requirements. The GMP+ FSA Module contains requirements, whereas Guidances are developed to provide support.

1.9. [Where I can find requirements from the current GMP+ B1, B2, B3 and B4 standards?](#)

A document with cross references will become available. This document will show, per B standard, where a certain paragraph or requirement can be found in the new documents. This is also done for the A and C documents.

2. Public consultation

2.1. [Who and when can you give feedback during the public consultation?](#)

All GMP+ certified companies and stakeholders of GMP+ International. Therefore motivate others, for example members of your organization, suppliers, clients, to give their feedback during this public consultation. Public consultation takes place from the 9th of December 2019 and will end on the 6th of March 2020.

2.2. [What are the next steps of GMP+ International after public consultation?](#)

Every comment we receive will be thoughtfully examined conform the [scheme principles](#). Proposals for improvements will be reviewed by the Working Group and validated by the International Expert Committee. This will result in the final GMP+ FSA Module. The aim is to publish the documents in July 2020. <[Planning](#)>

2.3. [In what languages will the GMP+FSA Module 2020 be translated?](#)

Currently, in the public consultation period, the documents are only available in English. However, you can submit your feedback in any language that suits you best. The final version of the GMP+ FSA 2020 Module will be translated into all available languages, currently present on www.gmpplus.org.

2.4. [What is expected from GMP+ certified companies to do after publication of the new scheme?](#)

It is needed to start reading the new GMP+ FSA Module 2020 and see which of the requirements are applicable. You should evaluate yourself to see if adaptations are needed. After publication of the GMP+ FSA Module 2020, a multi-year transition period will follow. It is advised to contact your Certification Body to make a planning when your certification will transfer from the current to the GMP+ FSA Module 2020.

3. Transition period

3.1. How does the transition work?

It is possible to transfer during an regular, supervision, audit. Also, if requested, a company can ask the Certification Body to carry out a pre-audit to prepare for the transition. Companies should evaluate the Feed Safety Management System / Quality Manual / ETC to see what needs to be rewritten or if changes should be made. Also all references to the GMP+ documents should be reviewed and renewed based on the new structure

3.2. What is the time line of the transition?

Companies, and Certification Bodies, will have 1 certification cycle to transfer to the new scheme. This means that within 3 years of the start of the new scheme they have to transfer. The aim is to start in January 2021, meaning that from January 2024 all companies should be transferred.

Time line

Dates	<01.07.2020	01.07.2020	01.01.2021	01.01.2024
	Preparation phase 1	Preparation phase 2/ start Implementation phase	Implementation phase	End phase
	Certification based on current FSA Module / C-docs	Publication GMP+ 2020 (01.07.2020) certification based on: Current FSA Module/ C-docs or, GMP+ 2020	certification based on: Current FSA Module/ C-docs or, GMP+ 2020.	As from this date certification based on GMP+ 2020

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