

Scheme's Specific conditions

Occupational Health and Safety Management System:

- a. Certified OHSMS clients must inform the SOCOTEC Certification International's Accredited Offices (SCI-AO), without delay, of the occurrence of a serious OHS incident or breach of OHS regulation necessitating the involvement of the competent regulatory authority.
- b. SCI-AO may require a special audit to be conducted in the event of becoming aware that there has been a serious accident, or a serious breach of OHS regulation, in order to investigate if the OHS management system has not been compromised and functions effectively.
- c. A serious accident, or a serious breach of OHS regulation necessitating the involvement of the competent regulatory authority, provided by the certified client or directly gathered by the audit team during a special audit, shall provide grounds for the Certification Body to decide on the actions to be taken, including a suspension or withdrawal of the certification in cases where it can be demonstrated that the system seriously failed to meet the OH&S certification requirements.

Food Safety System Certification

Certified FSSC clients must inform the SOCOTEC Certification International's Accredited Offices (SCI-AO) within 3 working days related to the following:

- a) any significant changes that affect the compliance with the Scheme requirements and obtain advice of the SCI - AO in cases where there is doubt over the significance of a change;
- b) serious events that impact the FSMS or FSQMS, legality and/or the integrity of the certification which include legal proceedings, prosecutions, situations which pose major threats to food safety, quality or certification integrity as a result of natural or man-made disasters (e.g. war, strike, terrorism, crime, flood, earthquake, malicious computer hacking, etc.) . In this case, SCI - AO will conduct a risk assessment during a special visit which shall provide grounds to decide on the actions to be taken, including a suspension or withdrawal of the certification in cases where it can be demonstrated that the integrity of the certification is not maintained.
- c) public food safety events (such as e.g. public recalls, calamities, food safety outbreaks, etc.);
- d) changes to organization name, contact address and site details;
- e) changes to organization (e.g. legal, commercial, organizational status or ownership) and management (e.g. key managerial, decision-making or technical staff);
- f) changes to the management system, scope of operations and product categories covered by the certified management system;
- g) any other change that renders the information on the certificate inaccurate.