

Interpretation document



Riskplaza-audit⁺

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Preface

This document belongs to the Riskplaza audit+ certification scheme version 5. In this document, decisions of Riskplaza are published that have effect from the corresponding effective date and are applicable to certification bodies and certified companies.

In addition, where necessary, an explanation is given of the content of the certification scheme to clarify the interpretation.

The content of this document is established after consultation with representatives of the certification bodies in the "coordinators consultation" and after consultation with participants in the "sounding board" of certified companies.

Chapter 1 contains the decisions. The decisions apply to the certification scheme and are as such part of the certification scheme. The company and the certification body shall take these into account during the certification process.

Chapter 2 contains explanations of the content of the certification scheme. The explanations given in this chapter are a clarification of the relevant criteria. They are guidelines for interpretation. Only where explicitly stated, these are minimum requirements on which an auditor can base his assessment.

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1. Decisions

Decision list Riskplaza-audit+ certification scheme version 5.0

Subject	Critrium	No.	Decision	Motivation/ information	Status	valid
Transition to 5.0	none	B20-06	Where the company has had the last audit under accreditation (scheme 4.1), this cycle will be used when converting to version 5. Time must be spent on the transition, including drawing up a new audit program (1/3 assessment of the hazards). For this an extra 2-4 hours can be charged on top of the new time calculation of version 5.	Not applicable	Valid from 08-05-2020	Yes

2. Explanation of criteria

Part A. Requirements for companies seeking certification

2.3.2.

'A recipe that is characteristic for the raw material' is understood to mean a raw material recipe (raw material composition) in which the ratio of the ingredients is fixed and typically belongs to this raw material and is therefore independent of the supplier.

3.5.2.

If no accredited analysis is available on the market, Riskplaza expects the company to assess the reliability of the laboratory and the analysis in question in a different way. The company shall inquire about the quality assurance at the relevant laboratory. For example: the results of ring tests for the relevant analysis, blank and duplicate tests belonging to the series of the analysed sample and / or an analysis validation report with results of the reproducibility and the minimal detection.

5.1.1.

There are rights and obligations in the choice of the company to be Riskplaza certified. One of the obligations is that the management is committed to continuously meet the Riskplaza criteria. Riskplaza expects management to record and communicate that it is the will of the management that the company is certified and that the management commits itself to the corresponding criteria.

5.1.2. / 5.7.1.

Continuous improvement is included in 5.1.2. Riskplaza requires the company to strive to continuous improving. In order to initiate the improvement process, Riskplaza requires the company to annually formulate one (or more) concrete objective (s) that are relevant for the scope of the Riskplaza certification scheme: the control of food safety hazards from raw materials. Riskplaza requires that at least in the management review the person with ultimate responsibility assesses whether the objective (s) have (have) been achieved and improvement has been achieved, and initiates additional actions where necessary.

5.4.2.

Riskplaza requires that the company periodically assesses the reliability of the suppliers and that this assessment includes the results of the checks on the raw materials supplied (for example, entry checks or laboratory testing by the company or by the supplier) and / or processes at the suppliers to guarantee the safety of the raw materials supplied (for example, supplier audit).

5.5.

Riskplaza requires that the company, by means of an internal audit, checks itself for the correct application of measures to meet the certification criteria. Topics that as a minimum shall be addressed during an internal audit are:

- Is the scope description still up to date?
 - are all relevant products included in the scope description?
 - is the communication (for example on the website, on delivery notes, etc.) about (the scope of) the Riskplaza certificate correct (especially with a limited scope)?
- Is the risk analysis complete and up-to-date?
 - are all relevant raw materials / ingredients included in the inspection matrix?
 - have all updates from Riskplaza (newsletter) been processed?
- Are the significant hazards controlled?
 - is there sufficient evidence that suppliers control the hazards involved?
 - is the certification status of the suppliers still up to date?
- Is the underlying management system functioning?
 - have any recalls been reported to the Riskplaza certification body?
 - has the control of raw material hazards been verified?
 - is the control of raw material hazards in accordance with Riskplaza criteria included in the management review?

Part B. Audit and certification protocol

2.6.

Riskplaza requires that the criteria of chapter 5 (management system) are implemented in the procedures of the underlying certified food safety system. Riskplaza assumes that the implementation of these system criteria will be assessed in the relevant certification audit.

Riskplaza strives to avoid double checks. The Riskplaza auditor will therefore, when assessing the criteria in Chapter 5, check whether the methods for meeting the Riskplaza criteria are incorporated in the underlying food safety system. In principle, the Riskplaza auditor will assess the implementation on a random basis and will only assess it thoroughly when there is reason to do so.

Part C. Requirements for the certification bodies / integrity program

No explanation so far.