

POLICY

of Executive Agency "Bulgarian Accreditation Service" for accreditation of Certification Bodies for Food Safety Management Systems

Executive Agency "Bulgarian Accreditation Service" (EA "BAS") provides accreditation of Certification Bodies carrying out certification against БДC EN ISO 22000 „Food Safety Management Systems – Requirements for any organization in the food chain (ISO 22000:2005)“ of Food Safety Management Systems (FSMS), according to the requirements of БДC EN ISO/IEC 17021 „Conformity Assessment – Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems (ISO/IEC 17021:2006)“ in combination with ISO/TS 22003 „Food safety management systems - Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of food safety management systems“.

In relation to the issue of Guidance EA-3/11 „Food Safety Management Systems – Scope of Accreditation“ in May 2009, being mandatory for accreditation bodies, respectively for the accredited certification bodies, EA "BAS" defines the following policy for transition to application of the requirements of the Guidance:

After 01.01.2010

- the accreditation applicants as certification bodies for FSMS will be required to declare that they have at least one active application for each applied category, as well as a competent auditor for at least one sector of a category.

The applied scope of accreditation shall be according to categories and sectors, complying with the requirements set out in Guidance EA-3/11.

- EA "BAS" will carry out assessments for initial accreditation and re-accreditation according to the requirements of Guidance EA-3/11.

- All accredited certification bodies shall set their activity in compliance with the requirements of Guidance EA-3/11. The compliance will be a subject to assessment during planned surveillance.