



# **EFISC.GTP**

## **Transition guide for the conversion of EFISC-GTP v4.0 to v4.1 EFISC-GTP scheme**

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## 1. General introduction

This document describes the accreditation and certification procedures that shall be followed respectively by the Certification Bodies (CB) and companies during the transition from the EFISC GTP 4.0 to the EFISC GTP 4.1, in agreement with the §3.1.5 of **RvA\_T033**. The indications provided in this document can be utilized by the CB according to the § 8.5.2 (notices of changes by a certification body) of **ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015**.

## 2. Assumption

- Date of publication of the new code EFISC-GTP version 4.1: **15 April 2024**
- The EFISC-GTP Standard Version 4.1 contains the updates coming from the ISO 22003: 1 – 2022. Parts that have been updated are related to the calculation of the minimum audit time, use of multisite certification and ICT (Use of Information and Communication Technology) in EFISC-GTP audits
- Update audit: it is an audit that must be carried out by the CBs to update the EFISC-GTP certificate from version 4 (the current one) to version 4.1

## 3. Adoption of the new code by Certification Body (CB)

Certification Bodies that do not intend to take up the new EFISC-GTP code 4.1, could finish their certification cycles for EFISC-GTP GTP code. Certificates based on the EFISC-GTP version 4.0 will be removed from the EFISC-GTP website **after 30 June 2025**.

The inclusion of the EFISC-GTP code (4.1) in the Certification Body management system has to be verified by an audit addressed to verify that:

- an analysis carried out by the Certification Body demonstrating that the changes from ISO/TS 22003:2013 to ISO-2022-1: 2022 and those contained in version 4.1 of the EFISC-GTP standard have been performed
- the CB has implemented a transition plan of its certified organizations' certificates based on the requirements indicated in this document. The transition plan should address the following:
  - a. Identify the changes between new and old version. Typical processes considered for changes can include sales/quoting, auditing process, competence management and communication with existing certified clients
  - b. Analyze impact of changes on relevant activities/processes and identify required actions to ensure conformance (e.g. management system/documents, IT tools)
  - c. Implement required actions

Requirements of Certification Bodies are indicated in paragraph 3.1.1. of the EFISC-GTP Rules of certification.

Certification Bodies are also requested to:

- a. Train auditors and internal personnel: a requalification is needed in accordance with the new requirements of the ISO 22003-1:2022 with a specific reference to the Annex C
- b. Inform their certified organization according to the paragraph 8.5.2 of the ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015

Certification Bodies are expected to formally apply to their respective AB (Accreditation Body) for an extension of their scope in order to include the ISO-2022-1:2022 and the changes contained in version 4.1 of the EFISC-GTP at least **2 months** before the period during which (certification period) all the existing EFISC-GTP certificates shall be switched from EFISC-GTP version 4.0 to version 4.1 (**from 30 June 2024 to 30 June 2025**) or before the emission of a new certificate according to the version 4.1 (mandatory after 30 June 2024). Following the applications from the CBs, the respective AB should verify the information submitted. In case of positive outcome, the accreditation of the Certification Body will be extended to the EFISC-GTP code 4.1. For all possible cases see table 1.

#### **4. Adoption of the new code by companies**

The adoption of the EFISC-GTP 4.1 scheme by the EFISC-GTP companies will follow the following rules:

- For the new companies that intend to adopt the EFISC-GTP 4.1 scheme, certification activity can be started after the publication of the new EFISC-GTP 4.1 code: after **30 June 2024**, certificates shall be according to the EFISC-GTP Code 4.1;
- For the already EFISC-GTP certified companies (according to the EFISC-GTP Code 4.0) the new code (version 4.1) can be adopted by the companies after the publication of the new EFISC-GTP 4.1 code. In this case, there are 2 possibilities:
  - a. For the already EFISC-GTP certified companies that will sign the renewal of the certification contract (for a period of 3 years) after the publication of the new EFISC-GTP 4.1 code, the adoption of the new code could take place after the publication of the new code: companies shall receive the certificates according to the EFISC-GTP Code 4.1 when the extension activity of the CB is completed (see paragraph 3) and in any case before **30 June 2025**. The revision of the contract between the CB and the client to follow new ISO 22003-1: 2023 requirements must be completed to allow CBs sufficient time to implement all changes necessary by no later than **31 December 2024**.
  - b. For the already EFISC-GTP certified companies that signed the renewal of the certification contract (for a period of 3 years) before the publication of the new EFISC-GTP 4.1 code, the adoption of the new code should take place during the first upcoming surveillance/renewal audit that occurs after the CB extension transition (in any case before **30 June 2025**). The revision of the contract between the CB and the client to follow new ISO 22003-1: 2023 requirements must be completed to allow

CBs sufficient time to implement all changes necessary by no later than **31 December 2024**.

During the certification period, old (EFISC-GTP v. 4.0) certificates may be used until the upgrade audit (see next point 5), and in any case till **30 June 2025**. Certificates based on the EFISC-GTP version 4.0 will be removed from the EFISC-GTP website after **30 June 2025**.

## **5. Audit type**

See definition in paragraph 2. The audit time for an upgrade audit can be calculated as follows:

- For an initial audit, total audit time can be calculated according the Section 7 of the new EFISC-GTP rules of certifications (version 4.1);
- For a scheduled recertification audit, total audit time can be calculated according the Section 7 of the new EFISC-GTP rules of certifications (version 4.1).
- For a scheduled surveillance audit, total audit time can be calculated according the Section 7 of the new EFISC-GTP rules of certifications (version 4.1)

## **6. Reference documents**

- RvA\_T033 - Explanation of the requirements for conformity assessment schemes
  - IAF MD 2:2017 - IAF Mandatory Document for the Transfer of accredited Certification of Management Systems
  - ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 - Conformity assessment - Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems - Part 1: Requirements.
  - ISO 22003-1 (2022) Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of food safety management systems
  - Transition Requirements for ISO 22003-1: 2022 (IAF MD 27: 2023)
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**TABLE 1**

<b>CB level of accreditation</b>	<b>Document review (desk study)</b>	<b>Office assessment A<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Witnessing</b>
CB ISO 17021 (supported by ISO 22003: 2013) and EFISC-GTP version 4.0 accredited.	<b>X</b>		
CB ISO 17021 (supported by ISO 22003: 2013) accredited but haven't yet EFISC-GTP version 4.0 in the scope of certification	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>

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<sup>1</sup> Office assessment will be oriented to verify the implementation of the management system that has to be accredited according to ISO 17021 (supplemented by the ISO 22003-1: 2022) and the EFISC-GTP 4.1 Standard. This assessment can be suppressed as decided by the correspondent AB