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Certification Policy on Scope of Food Safety Systems Certification

Rwanda Standards Board (RSB) through National Certification Division (NCD) offers certification services based on ISO/IEC 17021-1 and ISO/TS 22003:2013 and is aware of the classification of Food Chain Categories in determining its clients' food safety scope.

The purpose of this policy is to avoid any misleading information on certification food safety scope. In this regard, applicants to HACCP and/or ISO 22000 are required to fill in a questionnaire detailing all activities under their business' (es') responsibilities as per outlined Food Chain Categories;

Cluster	Category	
1. Farming:	A	Farming of animals
	B	Farming of plants
2. Food and feed Processing:	C	Food manufacturing
	D	Animal Feed production
3. Catering:	E,	Catering
4. Retail, transport and storage	F	Distribution
	G	Provision of transport and storage services
5. Auxiliary services	H	Services
	I	Production of food packaging and packaging materials
	J	Equipment manufacturing

The scope of certificate will detail the food chain categories, the type of activities, products and services as applicable to each site, the normative document against which the subject is certified and the name of the certification scheme

To elaborate on the above, if a client goes beyond one food chain categories e.g a client involved in dairy business and whose responsibility in the business includes; farming of cows, manufacturing of cheese, transportation and distribution of its own cheese only, the client certificate shall clearly indicate that the accredited certification scope covers category A-farming of animal and C- food manufacturing while transport and distribution will simply be included in the list of activities. In such a case, it would imply that RSB is accredited for category A-farming of animal and C- food manufacturing but not accredited for G-transport and F-distribution.

RSB offers accredited certification to client organizations whose food safety management systems scope falls under its food safety accreditation scope.

Besides, RSB offers non accredited food safety management systems certification to scopes not under its accreditation.



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