

September 6, 2017

Dear Certification Bodies,

With end of the year fast approaching, we would like to take the opportunity to remind all GFCP recognized Certification Bodies (CBs) of the deadline to transition to ISO/IEC 17021-1 accredited certification under the GFCP. Please refer to [the announcement issued on January 11, 2017](#). The deadline for obtaining final accreditation before January 1st, 2019 is now only 16-months away and it takes an average of 9 to 12 months for a Certification Body to apply, present their documentation, undergo review and ultimately, to become fully accredited. ACG acknowledges that many of you are already on your way or have completed the process. Thank you.

You should be aware that since ACG first issued the announcement, there has been a change in the prerequisite requirement for CB's applying for ANAB accreditation. Accreditation for ISO 22000 by ANAB is no longer the only option to meet the requirement for GFCP application. Under the revised rules, applicant CBs may be accredited for either ISO 22000 by ANAB or another IAF management systems MLA signatory Accreditation Body (AB), **or be accredited for any GFSI-recognized certification program (e.g., BRC, SQF)**. This change was announced in [ANAB Heads Up 365](#).

For any questions related to accreditation, please contact Natalia Larrimer at nlarrimer@anab.org or 1.414.501.5445.

For any questions related to the GFCP, please contact Jessica Burke at jessica.burke@glutenfreecert.com or 1.866.817.0952 ext. 222.

In addition, we would like to announce that ACG is in the process of recognizing JAS-ANZ, the Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand, as an accreditation body under the GFCP. JAS-ANZ is an IAF MLA signatory for management systems (ISO/IEC 17021-1) and is extending its ISO/IEC 17021-1 accreditation program to include GFMS. The launch of JAS-ANZ's GFMS program is expected in the coming weeks. More news on this to follow as it develops.

Before the end of the 2017, ACG will be in contact with all GFCP CBs to confirm their application status for accreditation as well as their plans for transitioning all current certificates

Sincerely,

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