

Annex to Certification Regulation

TÜV AUSTRIA Group – Business Assurance



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Certification Regulation for Gluten-Free Foods MS

Standard or Certification scheme:

AOECS Standard:2022

Certification Cycle:

The certificate is valid for one year. Before the expiration date of the certificate, a recertification audit is conducted in order to renew the validity of the certificate for the next year.

The certification audit is carried out in two (2) stages.

Stage 1 has to be implemented off-site and shall be fully justified. During Stage 1 the auditor reviews the results of the gluten analysis conducted to the products that will be certified. The evidence demonstrating that stage 1 objectives are fully achieved shall be provided. The interval between the two stages shall not exceed one month. If this period elapses or significant changes occur that affect the MS, stage 1 must be repeated. Stage 1 assessment findings may lead to postponement or cancellation of Stage 2. If nonconformities are found, they shall be closed until the conduction of stage 2.

Audits shall be scheduled in the client's full operating period and cover a representative part of the scope. The site must be in gluten free production on the day of the audit, where appropriate.

Audit planning and timetable. The audit process is completed annually, with due date the date of the certification decision after the Initial Certification audit. Example:

Certification Decision	Re-certification audit
15/2/2025	15/2/2026

Audit Evaluation Criteria / Characterization of Non Conformities:

1: Full conformity

3: Major Non Conformity (-ies): Correction through Re-audit after three months. If the producer provides evidence that the non-conformance has been corrected, the additional audit may not be necessary.

2: Minor Non Conformity (-ies): Correction initiated and monitored during the next annual audit

4: Critical Non Conformity (-ies): Correction through repetition of the full audit of the Standard

Contractual Duration:

The duration of the service and the contractual obligation come into force upon signature by both parties (TÜV AUSTRIA and Client Organization) and is valid for 1 year after the date of signature of the relevant offer in cases of initial certification or re - certification. Compliance with the AOECS Standard and the avoidance of cross-contamination is the responsibility of the client.

Hellenic Society of Coeliacs

There is a fee from the Hellenic Society of Coeliacs based on their price list. A relevant contract will also be sent to the Organization.

The Hellenic Society of Coeliacs undertakes the obligation to review the product declaration forms, the TÜV AUSTRIA certificate and the product analysis certificates submitted by the organization and judges whether the conditions for the organization's licensing are met. In case of a positive decision, it concludes that a contract with the organization and the right to use the CGT-crossed grain trademark is granted. The Hellenic Society of Coeliacs also undertakes the obligation to control the draft labels that will be used by the organization in the products.