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## **Users of Global Red Meat Standard Certified with version 4.2**

### **Guideline for transition from V4.2 to V5.0**

DANAK is acting as home accreditation body related to GRMS. As soon as GRMS is ready for accredited certification the Certification Bodies approved by DAFC for certification against GRMS V4.2 will be informed. Certification Bodies shall make the necessary arrangements with the local Accreditation Body to include GRMS Version 5.0 in their scope of accreditation.

The Certification Bodies having a contract with DAFC will be permitted to perform audits and issue certificates (without accreditation) if it can demonstrate:

- an active application for accreditation against ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 related to GRMS version 5.0
- the experience and qualifications of the auditors are consistent with those specified by DAFC (DAFC is from now on offering updated training of auditors especially related to new requirements of GRMS version 5.0)

If accreditation against GRMS version 5.0 is not granted within 12 months from the application date the contract with the Certification Body will be terminated.

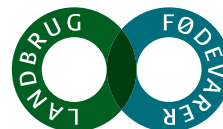
The acceptability of audit reports and certificates generated by Certification Bodies awaiting accreditation against GRMS version 5.0 but meeting above criteria is at the discretion of individual users.

GRMS version 5.0 is a system standard and the audit protocol follows the requirements of ISO/IEC 17021:2015 and the audit programme includes a three-year certification cycle:

- Initial certification audit (stage 1 and stage 2)
- Surveillance audit 1
- Surveillance audit 2
- The subsequent cycle will start with a recertification audit after 3 years

The initial certification audit of the management system shall be conducted in two stages; stage 1 and stage 2.

Objectives of stage 1 are to review the documentation, evaluate site-specific conditions and to interview relevant company representatives to determine the preparedness of the company for stage 2.



For production sites already certified against GRMS version 4.2 the activities of stage 1 should only include the new elements of the standard as indicated in the document “**GRMS version 5.0 versus version 4.2**”, which can be downloaded from [www.grms.org](http://www.grms.org).

There are no specific requirements for the time needed to complete stage 1 of the initial certification audit.

Sincerely

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