



**GFSI** BENCHMARKING REQUIREMENTS

# VERSION 2020 **CHANGE TRACKER**

DATE	CHANGE LEVEL	AMENDMENT	REASON FOR THE AMENDMENT
22/07/2021	1 - notification of amendments	that element FSM16.1 (allergen management) does not apply to scope G; element FSM 16.2 (allergen Management) applies instead.	FSM16.1 includes considerations for product labelling, which does not apply to organisations in industry sector G.
12/07/2021	1 - notification of amendments	Throughout the GFSI benchmarking Requirements, "GFSI Board" should now be understood as the "GFSI Steering Committee".	On the 23rd March 2021, GFSI formally transitioned to a new set of rules of governance as it officially became a Coalition of Action. Following this transition, the GFSI Board was replaced with a GFSI Steering Committee.
09/06/2020	2 - minor change	Amendment to part II and part IV of the GFSI Benchmarking Requirements in relation to the use of Information and Communication Technologies	On the 16th March 2020, GFSI issued a position on managing the impact of the COVID19 pandemic on audits; GFSI commitment included the facilitation of a forum specifically for the purpose of exploring options for non-standard auditing (remote, virtual). The changes included in this sub-version of version 2020 reflects the outcome of this reflection.
04/06/2020	1 - notification of amendment	Part II key elements 4.17 to 4.26 are no longer applicable.	GFSI recognised that by attempting to move away from its core function i.e. harmonisation and benchmarking - the 'what;' to the development and delivery of an auditor Knowledge Exam - the 'how'; was not an appropriate or effective way to improve auditor competence. A stakeholder consultation ran between the 3rd April and the 14th April; no stakeholders who responded to the consultation, moved to suggest that they were in favour of retaining the knowledge exam.

GFSI therefore proceeded with the plan to phase out of the GFSI Knowledge Exam and to remove requirements for it from Version 2020 of the GFSI benchmarking requirements.