

FSSC 22000 is not the same as ISO 22000.

Description

BRCGS and FSSC 22000 are both internationally recognized, GFSI-benchmarked food safety certification schemes, but they serve different business needs. BRCGS was developed primarily for retailers and private-label manufacturers, emphasizing detailed operational controls, product quality, food fraud prevention, and retailer compliance. FSSC 22000 is based on ISO 22000 and integrates prerequisite programs with additional FSSC requirements, providing a management system approach that is widely accepted across the global food supply chain. The best choice depends on customer expectations, export markets, and organizational objectives.

What is FSSC 22000?

FSSC 22000 (Food Safety System Certification 22000) is a globally recognized certification scheme developed by the Foundation FSSC.

It combines:

- ISO 22000 Food Safety Management System
- ISO/TS 22002-x Prerequisite Programs (sector-specific)
- Additional FSSC Requirements

Unlike ISO 22000 certification alone, **FSSC 22000 is benchmarked by the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI)**, making it widely accepted by multinational food companies and international retailers.

What is BRCGS?

BRCGS (Brand Reputation through Compliance Global Standards) is a retailer-focused food safety certification developed to ensure manufacturers consistently produce safe, legal, authentic, and high-quality food products.

It emphasizes:

- Product Safety
 - Product Quality
 - Operational Controls
 - Factory Standards
 - Hygiene
 - Food Fraud
 - Food Defense
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- Supplier Approval
- Traceability

Many supermarkets and private-label retailers specify BRCGS as a supplier requirement.

Key Difference

The biggest difference is philosophy.

FSSC 22000

Focuses on:

- Food Safety Management System
 - Risk-Based Thinking
 - Leadership
 - Continual Improvement
 - ISO Management System Approach
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BRCGS

Focuses on:

- Product Quality
 - Factory Standards
 - Retail Requirements
 - Operational Compliance
 - Customer Expectations
 - Product Integrity
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BRCGS VS FSSC 22000

TWO GFSI RECOGNIZED STANDARDS. ONE GOAL – SAFE FOOD. G

WHICH FOOD SAFETY CERTIFICATION IS RIGHT FOR YOUR BUSINESS?

BRCGS

GLOBAL STANDARD FOR FOOD SAFETY

- Retailer Focused Standard
- Product Safety & Quality
- Operational Excellence
- Food Fraud & Defense
- High Customer Acceptance

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FSSC 22000

FOOD SAFETY SYSTEM CERTIFICATION 22000

- ISO 22000 Based Scheme
- Management System Approach
- Risk-Based Thinking
- PRPs + Additional Requirements
- Global Supply Chain Acceptance

WHY FOOD BUSINESSES CERTIFY

- Build Customer & Consumer Trust
- Meet Retailer & Export Requirements
- Improve Food Safety & Quality
- Reduce Risks & Product Recalls
- Strengthen Brand Reputation
- Increase Market Opportunities

BRCGS vs FSSC 22000 – KEY COMPARISON

CRITERIA	BRCGS	FSSC 22000
Type	Retail & Customer Focused Standard	Food Safety Certification Scheme
Based On	BRCGS Requirements	ISO 22000 + ISO/TS 22002-x + Additional FSSC
GFSI Recognized	✔	✔
Focus Area	Product Safety, Quality, Operational Controls	Food Safety Management System
Management System Approach	Limited	Full ISO Management System Approach
Product Quality	Strong Focus	Moderate Focus
Food Fraud & Defense	Comprehensive Requirements	Included
Supplier Management	Extensive	Strong
Retail Acceptance	★★★★★	★★★★★
Integration with Other ISO Standards	Possible but Complex	Seamless (Using Harmonized Structure)
Best For	Retail Suppliers, Private Label, Exporters	Food Manufacturers, Global Supply Chain, Integ

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WHY TRUST CK ASSOCIATES?

- ✔ 20+ Years of Proven Experience
- ✔ Expert Team of Food Safety Consultants
- ✔ Practical, Result-Oriented Implementation

- ✔ 450+ Successful Certification Projects
- ✔ End-to-End Support Until Certification
- ✔ Serving Food Support Until Certification

BOTH LEAD TO SAME DESIRED ESTIMATION

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Comparison Table BRCGS vs FSSC 22000

Feature	BRCGS	FSSC 22000
Standard Type	Retail Food Safety Standard	Food Safety Certification Scheme
Based On	BRCGS Requirements	ISO 22000 + PRPs + Additional Requirements
GFSI Recognized	✔ Yes	✔ Yes

Feature	BRCGS	FSSC 22000
ISO Management System	Limited	â?? Complete
Retail Acceptance	Excellent	Excellent
Export Acceptance	Excellent	Excellent
Food Safety Management	â??	â??
Product Quality	Strong Focus	Moderate Focus
Food Fraud	Comprehensive	Included
Food Defense	Comprehensive	Included
Supplier Management	Extensive	Strong
Leadership Requirements	â??	â??
Continual Improvement	â??	â??
Risk-Based Thinking	â??	â??
Internal Audit	Mandatory	Mandatory
Management Review	Mandatory	Mandatory
Certification Cycle	Three Years	Three Years

BRCGS vs FSSC 22000 â?? Which Industries Should Choose Which?

BRCGS is ideal for:

- Supermarket Suppliers
 - Private Label Manufacturers
 - Food Exporters
 - Retail Supply Chains
 - Packaged Food Manufacturers
 - Beverage Companies
 - Dairy Manufacturers
 - Bakery & Confectionery Companies
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FSSC 22000 is ideal for:

- Food Manufacturing Companies
 - Ingredient Manufacturers
 - Packaging Manufacturers
 - Food Processing Industries
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- Animal Feed Producers
 - Storage & Distribution Organizations
 - Logistics Providers
 - Global Food Supply Chains
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Retail Perspective

Many UK and European retailers are highly familiar with BRCGS because it was developed specifically for retail supply chains.

Organizations supplying supermarket own-brand products frequently encounter BRCGS as a customer requirement.

Manufacturing Perspective

Manufacturers seeking an ISO-based management system that integrates with:

- ISO 9001
- ISO 14001
- ISO 45001
- ISO/IEC 27001
- ISO 50001

often prefer **FSSC 22000** because it aligns closely with the ISO Harmonized Structure and supports integrated management systems.

Which Certification Should Hyderabad Food Businesses Choose?

For food manufacturers in Hyderabad:

Choose BRCGS if:

- You supply supermarkets.
 - You manufacture private-label products.
 - Your customers specifically request BRCGS.
 - You focus on export markets with retailer-driven requirements.
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Choose FSSC 22000 if:

- You want a comprehensive ISO-based Food Safety Management System.
- You plan to integrate with other ISO management systems.
- Your customers accept GFSI-recognized certification without specifying BRCGS.
- You operate across multiple food industry sectors.

CK Associates Recommendation

There is no universally "better" certification.

The right choice depends on:

- Customer Requirements
- Export Destinations
- Retail Expectations
- Product Type
- Business Strategy
- Supply Chain Position
- Future Growth Plans

CK Associates begins every implementation with a **Gap Analysis** to understand customer requirements and business objectives before recommending the most suitable certification pathway.

Final Comparison

Business Goal	Recommended Certification
Build an ISO-based Food Safety Management System	FSSC 22000
Supply International Retailers	BRCGS
Manufacture Private Label Products	BRCGS
Integrate with ISO 9001, 14001 & 45001	FSSC 22000
Export to Multiple Global Markets	Customer Requirement Should Decide
Improve Food Safety Culture	Either (depending on business needs)

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