

Transition Guidance for Version 3.0 of the MarinTrust Standard for Responsible Supply of Marine Ingredients

About this document

This document is intended to help certificate holders, Certification Bodies (CBs), and other interested stakeholders and parties, understand the transition period from Version 2.0 to Version 3.0 of the MarinTrust Standard for Responsible Supply for Marine Ingredients (Factory Standard).

This document outlines the transition requirements and contains information on what to do next.

Transition plan

The MarinTrust Standard for Responsible Supply of Marine Ingredients Version 3.0 will be issued on 23rd October 2023 and effective from 1st May 2024. Version 3 will replace Version 2.0 issued in July 2017.

When will these changes come into effect?

From 23rd October 2023, Version 3 will have a transition period to allow both currently certified facilities and new applicants to the programme to adjust to the new standard.

Current certificate holders

Facilities currently certified under V2.0 of the Factory Standard will have **1 year from the effective date of 1st May 2024** to understand and apply the revisions.

If you are a certificate holder and your re-certification or annual surveillance audit falls between 1st May 2024 and 1st May 2025, you can choose to continue with Version 2.0 or apply for Version 3.

However, should the facility not be ready for Version 3 you can continue to be certified against Version

2.0.

After 1 May 2024, you will be required at your next audit (annual surveillance or re-certification) to be audited and certified against the new Version 3.0 Factory Standard.

Table 1. Transition guidance for current certificate holders.

Next audit due	Which version to use
Before 1 May 2024	Version 2.0
Between 1 May 2024 and 1 May 2025	Certificate holders may choose Version 2.0 or Version 3.0
After 1 May 2025	Version 3.0

New applicants to the Factory Standard

New applicants to the Factory Standard will have **6 months** from the release of the new version of the Standard to understand updates and requirements until Version 3 becomes effective on 1st May 2024.

Between 1st February 2024 and 30th April 2024, MarinTrust will not accept new applications against Version 2.0 of the Factory Standard.

After 1st May 2024, MarinTrust will accept new applications and pass them on to an approved Certification Body to conduct an audit of the facility(ies) to the requirements of this new version of the Factory Standard.

Applications to Version 2.0 of the Factory Standard submitted after 1st May 2024 will not be permitted.

Further information

Further transition guidance will be published to cover other essential areas of Version 3 including the Improver Programme, MarinTrust whole fish fishery assessment and by-product assessment criteria, as well as other relevant normative documents.

Disclaimer

This transitional support document is intended as guidance only. Following this document is not a fully comprehensive way of preparing for an audit against the new version of the MarinTrust Standard for Responsible Supply of Marine Ingredients Version 3.0. MarinTrust advises, that in addition, all certificate holders read the Factory Standard in full and evaluate the updated processes and procedures specific to your company. If you are unsure of any details on any of the subjects covered, please consult the relevant Standard documents or contact the MarinTrust team at standards@marin-trust.com.