

MYGAP AND MYORGANIC TO ENSURE CONSUMERS GET A WIDER CHOICE OF SAFE AND QUALITY PRODUCTS

Agriculture is one of the priority sector for Malaysia and is identified under the National Key Economic Area (NKEA) focus. The NKEA has been instrumental in enabling large players while empowering small players to drive private sector participation in the industry, helping to support overall economic activity.

Based on the study report on Malaysian Standards (MS) Usage in 2012, Industry Standards Committee (ISC) A on Agriculture is reported to be the second highest ISC with most saleable MS, with 81.7% saleable MS and 19% mandatory implementation of MS. This was due to strong market forces for voluntary MS, which has contributed to the high sales and usage of MS under ISC A. As of November 2016, ISC A has a total collection of 213 MS, and out of this 46 MS (22%) are referred in Act or regulation, i.e. 42 are mandated by FAMA, 2 are mandated by LKM, 1 mandated by MOH and 1 mandated by MPOB.

The implementation of standards in the agriculture activity, such as the Malaysian Good Agriculture Practices (myGAP) and myOrganic has resulted in improved quality of food products and provided consumers with a better choice of products.

Malaysian Good Agriculture Practices (myGAP)



MyGAP was launched by the Minister of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry on 28 August 2013. MyGAP is a comprehensive certification scheme for agricultural, aquaculture and livestock sector. To date, a total of 1,813 farms have been certified to myGAP which covers an area of 19,680 hectares.

MyGAP is implemented based on Malaysian Standard (MS); MS 1784:2005 *Crop Commodities – Good Agricultural Practice* is used for agricultural sector module and MS 1998:2007 *Good Aquaculture Practice (GAqP) - Aquaculture Farm - General Guidelines* and MS 2467:2012 *-Code of Practice for Seaweed Cultivation* used for aquaculture sector module whereas MS 2027:2006 *Good Animal Husbandry Practice* is for livestock sector. As of December 2016, Department of Standards Malaysia (Standards Malaysia) has revised the standard - MS 1784 - GAP on Crop Commodities; which will be referred

by Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry (MoA) for implementation and issuance of Malaysian Good Agricultural Practices (MyGAP) certification.

MyOrganic



MyOrganic is a rebranding of the organic certification scheme drawn up by the Ministry of Agriculture which combines crops, livestock and aquaculture subsectors to recognise farms that practice organic farming according to the

conditions and criteria:

- a) Organic certification schemes for crops (formerly known as Skim Organik - SOM) implemented by the Department of Agriculture since 2003, is based on MS 1529:2015, *Plant based organically produced food - Requirement for production, processing, handling, labelling and marketing (First revision)*.
- b) Organic certification schemes for livestock and aquaculture subsectors based on standards will be developed by the Department of Veterinary Services and the Department of Fisheries.
- c) Veterinary Services Department has developed guidelines for the production of organic chicken (GL 002:2014) to provide information on the basic requirements for organic poultry farming. The poultry products from organic farms are free from hormone/vaccines/antibiotics that are commonly used in conventional poultry.

MyOrganic promotes consumer acceptance of organic products under one brand. MyOrganic standard also includes the terms and criteria for hazard control that have an impact on the environment, food safety and health safety of workers.

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