INTRODUCTION

This circular provides supplementary requirement on accreditation of virology testing laboratories related to HIV screening examination based on Surat Pekeliling Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan Malaysia Bilangan 1/2011- Carta Alir Ujian Saringan dan Pengesahan HIV dated 28 February 2011.

This circular shall be read in conjunction with the STR 2.6 - Specific Technical Requirements for Accreditation of Medical Microbiology (Virology) Laboratories.

SCOPE

This circular applies to the medical testing laboratories performing HIV screening examination for laboratories accredited by Standards Malaysia, applicant laboratories and those intending to apply for accreditation under SAMM.

IMPLEMENTATION

Surat Pekeliling Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan Malaysia Bilangan 1/2011- Carta Alir Ujian Saringan dan Pengesahan HIV is a mandatory guideline for healthcare setting such as clinics, hospitals, medical institutes, HIV screening centers (government and private) that handle screening and confirmation test for HIV. However, this Surat Pekeliling Ketua Pengarah Kesihatan Malaysia Bilangan 1/2011 is not applicable for FOMEMA panel laboratories as foreign worker is not listed in its target groups.

The effective date of SAMM Circular 1/2016 is on 10 April 2016.