

# BRIEFING ON SAMM POLICY 3 (SP 3)

*Policy on the Use of SAMM Accreditation  
Symbol and Combined ILAC MRA Mark or  
Reference to SAMM Accreditation*

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# INTRODUCTION

- ✓ **Standards Malaysia is signatory\* to ILAC Mutual Recognition.**
- ✓ **Current SAMM Policy 3 (SP 3) dated 21 July 2014 was issued based on ILAC-P8:12/2012.**
- ✓ **Revision of SP 3 is undertaken to align SAMM Policy to ILAC-P8:12/2012 – ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement (Arrangement): Supplementary Requirements and Guidelines for the Use of Accreditation Symbols and for Claims of Accreditation Status by Accredited Laboratories and Inspection Bodies.**

(\* MRA for Testing on 16 Jan 2003 and MRA for Calibration on 19 Nov 2003)

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

**Rephrased Clause 1.2 according to ILAC P8 Clause 5.1**

**'An accredited laboratory is encouraged to issue reports or certificates bearing the SAMM symbol when the tests/calibrations come under the scope of accreditation. Only reports or certificates bearing the SAMM symbol can benefit fully from the recognition that the ILAC MRA and its regional counterparts bring.'**

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## 2. SCOPE

### Insertion of the words 'ILAC MRA Mark' in Clause 2.1

**'This document describes the policy of Standards Malaysia for the use of SAMM accreditation symbol (hereafter referred to as SAMM symbol) or reference to SAMM accreditation or **ILAC MRA Mark** imposed upon SAMM accredited testing or calibration laboratories.'**

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## 5. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

**Additional requirement to reiterate that laboratory should only use SMM symbol or reference to accreditation for its accredited activities in Clause 5.4**

**'The SMM symbol or reference to SMM accreditation shall be used by SMM accredited laboratory only under the name in which it holds SMM accreditation. The SMM symbol or reference to SMM accreditation shall be accompanied with a clear indication as to which activity (e.g., testing, calibration, medical testing) the accreditation is related.'**

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## 5. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

**New Requirement**

**Insertion of the requirements on endorsed test reports for subcontracted tests/calibrations in Clause 5.5 and 5.6**

**5.5 An accredited laboratory may include results of subcontracted tests/calibrations in its endorsed reports or certificates under these circumstances:**

**(a) The accredited laboratory should take full responsibility for the subcontracted tests/calibrations and has informed the customer of the proposed subcontracting and where appropriate, has obtained his/her prior approval;**

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**(b) Approval has been obtained from the subcontractor to report excerpts from the subcontractor's report or certificate;**

**(c) The subcontractor is itself accredited by Standards Malaysia (or accreditation bodies that are signatories to the Mutual Recognition Arrangement) for the specific tests or calibrations concerned and the results have been included in the subcontractor laboratory's endorsed report or certificate. The accreditation symbol of the accreditation body accrediting the subcontractor shall not be used by the subcontracting laboratory or on the endorsed reports or certificates.**

**5.6 If results from non-accredited subcontractors is included in endorsed reports/certificates, the requirements of Clause 8.2 (b) in this document should be met.**

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## 6. SAMM ACCREDITATION SYMBOL

**New Requirement**

- ✓ Added the restriction on the reproduction of SAMM symbol as watermark in Clause 6.1 f)

**'The SAMM symbol may be reproduced in the form of embossed, relief or die-stamped. The symbol should not be reproduced in the form of watermark.'**

- ✓ Deleted Clause 6.1 c) & g)



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## 7. USE OF SAMP SYMBOL OR REFERENCE TO SAMP ACCREDITATION

**New Requirement**

**Added the provision for parents, subsidiaries or sister companies to promote the laboratory's accreditation**

**'7.2 A laboratory accredited by SAMP and is entitled to display SAMP symbol or reference to SAMP accreditation on sheets of its stationery (e.g. letter head, testing or calibration or testing quotations, calibration label, brochures, banner, signboard) or other items relevant to the laboratories accredited activity subject to the conditions set out below. Its parents, subsidiaries or sister companies may incorporate in publicity and/or advertising material, statements concerning the laboratory's accreditation.'**

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## 10. CALIBRATION LABEL

Clause 10.2 & Clause 10.4 rephrased according to ILAC P8 Clause 11.2

**'10.2 that the laboratory uses the label containing the SAMM symbol to equipment that has been calibrated using calibration methods covered by its scope of accreditation'**

**'10.4 that labels containing the accreditation symbol should not give the impression that Standards Malaysia approved or calibrated the equipment'**

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## New Requirement

### 13. USE OF LABORATORY COMBINED MRA MARK

Added to address the requirements on mutual recognition claims according to ILAC P8 Clause 13

**'13.4 The use of accreditation symbols of mutual recognition partners on endorsed reports or certificates is not permitted unless Standards Malaysia has specific one-to-one agreements with its partner(s) whose accreditation symbols are to be used.**

**13.5 Accredited laboratories may claim the Standards Malaysia's mutual recognition arrangement with other accreditation bodies on their reports or certificates in word approved by Standards Malaysia'**

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## 14. APPLYING FOR USE OF THE LABORATORY COMBINED MRA MARK

This clause has been simplified as the application process has been detailed out in Standards Malaysia website

**'14.1 Accredited laboratories may request to use the Laboratory Combined MRA Mark and refer to Standards Malaysia website for application process.'**

Thank You!