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The Scheme for the Accreditation of Certification Bodies (The ACB Scheme)
ACB CIRCULAR 3/2018

WITHDRAWAL OF ACB-OSH – STANDARDS MALAYSIA REQUIREMENTS FOR BODIES OPERATING ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

1. Introduction

On 25 January 2018, the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) has published IAF MD 22:2018 – Application of ISO/IEC 17021-1 for the Certification of Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems (OH&SMS). Subsequently in March 2018, the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) has published ISO/IEC TS 17021-10 – Conformity Assessment – Requirements for Bodies Providing Audit and Certification of Management Systems – Part 10: Competence Requirements for Auditing and Certification of Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems.

Subsequently, the ACB-OSH shall be withdrawn and IAF MD 22:2018 and ISO/IEC TS 17021-10 shall be directly used as additional requirements to the ISO/IEC 17021-1.

This circular applies to all Certification Bodies (CBs) accredited to this management systems programme.

2. Objective

This circular is aimed to inform all accredited management system CBs on the transition arrangements to be carried out by certification bodies.

3. Requirements

3.1 Transition arrangements

As the new published IAF MD 22:2018 and ISO/IEC TS 17021-10 were developed for bodies providing audit and certification of occupational health and safety management systems based on ISO 45001:2018. Therefore, Standards Malaysia will follow the transition period as per ACB Circular 2:2018.

3.1 Accredited Certification Bodies

- i. Certification bodies (CB) are advised to transition to the new requirements, IAF MD 22 and ISO/IEC TS 17021-10 together with

the transition of OHSAS 18001:2007 and/or MS 1722:2011 to ISO 45001:2018 (Refer ACB Circular 2/2018).

- ii. Standards Malaysia shall assess all related accredited certification bodies against the new standard as part of the annual office assessments beginning **12 March 2019**. A verification assessment may be carried out to verify compliance against the new standard.
- iii. Findings to the new IAF MD 22:2018 and ISO/IEC 17021-10:2018 shall be raised as non-conformance or observations depending on the nature of the subject matter. Corrective actions for the non-conformances shall be verified and closed out before recommendation for accreditation to OSH based on ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, ISO/IEC TS 17021-10:2018 and IAF MD 22: 2018 can be granted.
- iv. If a certification body fails to comply with IAF MD 22:2018 and ISO/IEC TS 17021-10:2018 by 12 March 2021, the certification body shall be suspended for a maximum of 3 months. After the suspension, failure of the certification bodies to take any action would result in withdrawal of accreditation.

3.2 New Application:

- i. All new applications received after **the date of publication of this circular** shall be assessed against ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, ISO/IEC TS 17021-10:2018 and IAF MD 22: 2018.
- ii. For existing applicants, assessments after **1 March 2019** shall be assessed against ISO/IEC TS 17021-10:2018 and IAF MD 22: 2018.

3.3 Extension of Scope:

- i. No extension of scope to ACB-OSH shall be accepted after **the date of publication of this circular**.

4. Validity of ACB-OSH

The status of accreditation to ACB-OSH will remain valid until the certification body achieves the transition or until the end of the transition period, i.e 12 March 2021.

THANK YOU

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