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The Scheme for the Accreditation of Certification Bodies (The ACB Scheme)
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TRANSITION TO PEFC ST 2002:2020, PEFC ST 2003:2020 AND PEFC PRODUCT CATEGORIES

A. Introduction and scope

The following documents were recently published by the PEFC International

No.	Standards/Document	Issue Date	Transition Date
1	PEFC ST 2002:2020 - Chain of Custody of Forest and Tree Based Products – Requirements	14th February 2020	14th August 2022
2	PEFC ST 2001:2020 - PEFC Trademarks Rules – Requirements	14th February 2020	14th August 2022
3	PEFC ST 2003:2020 - Requirements for Certification Bodies operating Certification against the PEFC International Chain of Custody Standard	14th February 2020	14th August 2022
4	PEFC Product Categories (supplement to the PEFC ST 2003:2020)	24th January 2022	-

This circular is to inform the Department of Standards Malaysia (JSM)'s applicant/accredited CBs on the requirements for the transition to the above documents.

B. Requirements

1. Accredited Certification Bodies

- i. By 14 August 2022, it is mandatory for all the Certification Bodies and their certified clients to transition to new PEFC ST standards and documents listed in the table in A. above.
- ii. For CBs that **have not yet** to transition to PEFC ST 2002:2020 and PEFC Product Categories:
 - a) The CB will be assessed during the scheduled office assessment.
 - b) If there is **no scheduled assessment** planned this year, the CB shall arrange with JSM to conduct a verification assessment.
- iii. CB's that **have** transitioned to PEFC ST 2002:2020 but have not yet been assessed for the PEFC Product Categories, the CB shall arrange with JSM to conduct a verification assessment.
- iv. Prior to assessment for the PEFC Product Categories, Certification Bodies (CBs) are requested to submit the following:
 - a) Gap analysis of the previous version with the current version;
 - b) Revised list of PEFC Product Categories as determined by the Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC);
 - c) Auditor training records/documents; and
 - d) Review of auditor competence based on the PEFC Product Categories.
- v. For transition to accredited certification based on PEFC ST 2003:2020,
 - a) the CB shall arrange a witnessing assessment based on the new standard with JSM before the transition date;
 - b) the CB shall update JSM on 1 September 2022 on the status of certified clients.
- vi. Upon successful transition, JSM will issue the CB's scope of accreditation based on PEFC ST 2002:2020, accreditation for certification based on PEFC ST 2003: 2020 and update the scope based on PEFC Product Categories.

3.1 New Application:

- i. All new applications received after **1 January 2022** shall be based on PEFC ST 2002:2020 and PEFC Product Categories.

C. Validity of PEFC ST 2003:2012 and PEFC ST 2002:2013

By **14th August 2022**, any CBs that have yet to transition to PEFC ST 2002:2020, certification based on PEFC ST 2003:2020 and PEFC Product Categories will have their accreditation suspended for 3 months. If no action is taken within that period, accreditation will be withdrawn.

THANK YOU

Approved by,

**Director of Accreditation
For the Director General
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