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**STANDARDS**  
MALAYSIA

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**The Scheme for the Accreditation of Certification Bodies (The ACB Scheme)**  
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**TRANSITION PLAN FROM OHSAS 18001:2007 and/or MS 1722:2011 TO ISO**  
**45001:2018**

**1. Introduction and scope**

The revised standard ISO 45001:2018 “Occupational health and safety management systems – Requirements with guidance for use” is scheduled to be published on 12 March 2018. This standard will cancel and replace OHSAS 18001:2007 and MS 1722:2011.

On 18 January 2018, The International Accreditation Forum (IAF) issued IAF MD 21:2018 – Requirements for the Migration to ISO 45001:2018 from OHSAS 18001:2007, whereby the OHSAS Project Group have agreed to a **(3) three year transition period** from the publication date of ISO 45001:2018.

Standards Malaysia will also take the same approach for the transition to ISO 45001:2018 from MS 1722:2011.

**2. Transition and Implementation**

As the date of publication is scheduled to be on 12 March 2018, the (3) three year transition period will be beginning from 12 March 2018 until 12 March 2021. As such, Standards Malaysia will require all of the clients and applicants under its accredited certification bodies to conform to the new standard by **12 March 2021**.

**3. Standards Malaysia requirements for the transition to ISO 45001:2018**

- a. Certification bodies (CB) are required to submit a transition plan outlining planned actions taken by the CB to transition to ISO 45001:2018;
- b. Certification bodies are advised to review the new standard and establish the following:
  - i. Communication by the CB to certified clients on the transition plan to the new standard;
  - ii. Gap analysis of CB’s documents affected by the transition to the new standard;
  - iii. Quality manual and/or related procedures

- iv. Competency analysis and training to auditors and other resources on the revised standard; and
  - v. Arrangement by the CB to transfer certified clients to the revised standard.
- c. Certification bodies are required to document and submit a plan for the transition to Standards Malaysia prior to transition.
- d. Standards Malaysia requires a documentation review and witnessing audit in order to grant accredited certification to ISO 45001:2018.
- e. Standards Malaysia will assess all related accredited certification bodies effectiveness of managing the transition plan to the revised standard as part of the annual office assessments beginning 1 January 2019.

#### **4. End of transition**

By 12 March 2021, any existing accredited certificates issued to OHSAS 18001:2007 and/or MS 1722:2011 will no longer be valid.

NOTE: Where Malaysian laws or regulations requires accredited OHSAS certification and the laws or regulations have not been amended to reference ISO 45001, the validity of accredited certification to OHSAS 18001:2007 or MS 1722:2011 depends on the regulators.

**THANK YOU**

**Director of Accreditation**