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**The Scheme for the Accreditation of Certification Bodies (The ACB Scheme)**  
**ACB CIRCULAR 3/2019**  
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**TRANSITION OF ISO 22000:2018**  
**FOOD SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS – REQUIREMENTS FOR ANY**  
**ORGANIZATION IN THE FOOD CHAIN**

**1. Introduction and scope**

This circular cancels and replaces ACB Circular 4/2018 due to the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) resolution during the 2018 IAF General Assembly replacing the resolution on ISO 22000 passed during the 2017 IAF General Assembly.

The standard ISO 22000:2018 – Food Safety Management Systems – Requirements for Any Organization in the Food Chain in June 2018. This edition of ISO 22000:2018 cancels and replaces ISO 22000:2005.

The International Accreditation Forum (IAF) have agreed to a **three (3) year transition period** from the publication date of ISO 22000:2018 for any organization in the food chain that wishes to be certified to this standard to bring their operations and processes in line with the requirements of the new standard. As such, Standards Malaysia will require all of its accredited certification bodies under this related management system accreditation programme to ensure their accredited certified clients have transitioned to the new standard by **29 June 2021**.

**2. Objective**

This circular is aimed to inform the related Standards Malaysia accredited certification bodies on the transition processes of the certification bodies accredited certified clients that will be implemented by Standards Malaysia within the transition dateline, i.e by or before **29 June 2021**.

**3. Standards Malaysia requirements for the transition to ISO 22000:2018**

**3.1 Accredited Certification Bodies**

- i. Certification bodies (CB) are advised to review the new standard, conduct a gap analysis, train personnel and review criteria for

qualification of related personnel to incorporate the changes into their management system. Certification bodies are required to document and submit to Standards Malaysia prior to the transition assessment the following:

1. Communication by the CB to its certified clients on the transition plan to the new standard,
  2. Training to auditors and other resources on the revised standard,
  3. Arrangement by the CB to transfer certified clients to the revised standard,
  4. Issuance of accredited certificates issued to ISO 22000:2005 after the date of publication of ISO 22000:2018 shall state an expiry date of 29 June 2021.
- ii. Standards Malaysia shall assess all related accredited certification bodies effectiveness of managing the transition to the new standard as part of the annual office assessments beginning **29 June 2019**.
- iii. Findings to the new ISO 22000:2018 may 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 accredited certification to ISO 22000:2018 is granted.
- iv. If the certification body intends to issue accredited certification to ISO 22000:2018, the CB shall demonstrate competence to audit based on ISO 22000:2018 by allowing Standards Malaysia to conduct at least one (1) witness assessment to ISO 22000:2018 as well as submit evidence of training of auditors to ISO 22000:2018.

### **3.2 New Application:**

- i. All new applications received after **29 June 2019** shall provide clients for witnessing based on ISO 22000:2018.
- ii. For existing applicants, witness assessments after **29 June 2019** shall be based on ISO 22000:2018.

### **4. Validity of ISO 22000:2005**

By 29 June 2021, any existing accredited certificates issued based on ISO 22000:2005 will no longer be valid and shall be withdrawn.

Approved by,

**Director of Accreditation  
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