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Dear Sir/Madam,

**ACB CIRCULAR 4/2017 – ACB-MALAYSIAN SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL (ACB-MSPO):  
EXCLUSION TO CLAUSE 5.4**

The matter above is referred.

2. ACB-Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) – Requirements for the Accreditation of Certification Bodies Operating Oil Palm Management Certification under the Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) Certification Scheme was published on 8 December 2015 and ACB-MSPO Accreditation Programme was launched on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016.
3. This circular is to inform on the exclusion of clause 5.4 of ACB-MSPO and its application.
4. For your information, a copy of the circular can also be attained from Standards Malaysia website, [http://www.jst.gov.my/acb-publication#.V-y0I\\_I96M8](http://www.jst.gov.my/acb-publication#.V-y0I_I96M8).
5. We thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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For the Director General  
Department of Standards Malaysia

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**ACB-MALAYSIAN SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL (ACB-MSPO): EXCLUSION TO**  
**CLAUSE 5.4**

**1. Introduction and scope**

ACB-MSPO Accreditation Programme was launched on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 whereby Certification Bodies (CBs) are required to comply to requirements of ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015 and ACB-Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) – Requirements for the Accreditation of Certification Bodies Operating Oil Palm Management Certification under the Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) Certification Scheme.

**2. Objective**

This circular is aimed to inform on the exclusion of clause 5.4 of ACB-MSPO.

**3. Exclusion of clause 5.4 of ACB-MSPO.**

3.1 Clause 5.4 states:

*"The Certification Body shall be accredited to the QMS and EMS or OSH accreditation programmes under the Department of Standards Malaysia."*

3.2 Following dialogues with various stakeholders, Malaysian Palm Oil Certification Council (MPOCC) as the scheme owner of ACB-MSPO Certification Programme has come to decision to exclude clause 5.4 as a means to allow more certification bodies to be eligible for ACB-MSPO accreditation.

**4. Validity of exclusion of clause 5.4 of ACB-MSPO**

The exclusion of clause 5.4 of ACB-MSPO is effective immediately until the publication of the revised ACB-MSPO documents.

**THANK YOU**

Director of Accreditation