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The Scheme for the Accreditation of Certification Bodies (The ACB Scheme)
ACB CIRCULAR 4/2019

**ISSUANCE OF NON-ACCREDITED PRODUCT CERTIFICATION WHERE THE
PRODUCT CERTIFICATION BODY IS ACCREDITED FOR THE SAME SCOPE**

1. Introduction

In the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) General Assembly held in Singapore on 31 October 2018, IAF passed a resolution on **Non-Accredited Product Certification Where the Conformity Assessment Body is Accredited for the Same Scope** whereby the General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that IAF Accreditation Body members shall have legally enforceable arrangements with their accredited CABs that prevents the CAB from issuing non-accredited product certification in scopes for which they are accredited. The General Assembly further agreed that the enforceable arrangements shall require full implementation within 3 years from 31 October 2018.

This circular applies to all Certification Bodies (CBs) accredited to product certification.

2. Objective

This circular is aimed to inform all accredited management system CBs on the IAF resolution and requirements under the Department of Standards Malaysia (Standards Malaysia) accreditation.

3. Requirements

- a. Accreditation Agreement between Standards Malaysia and Conformity Assessment Bodies on the Provision of Accreditation Services.
 - i. As you all are aware, in December 2018, certification bodies were required to sign an Accreditation Agreement between Standards Malaysia and Conformity Assessment Bodies on the Provision of Accreditation Services.

- ii. Clause 4(a) states that the Certification Body covenants to fulfill all the requirements for Accreditation imposed by Standards Malaysia.
 - iii. This clause includes all IAF requirements which also encompass IAF resolutions.
- b. Actions by Certification Bodies (CBs)
- i. Effective from the date of publication of this circular, CBs shall make arrangements to transition non accredited product certification to accredited certification.
 - ii. By **31 October 2021**, the CB shall no longer issue non-accredited certification to its clients for scopes it is accredited to.

4. Implementation

- a. Implementation of this circular takes immediate effect from the date of publication of this circular.
- b. Implementation of this circular shall be assessed during scheduled office assessments.
- c. Failure to comply with the above may result in suspension of Standards Malaysia accreditation.
- d. Please contact the ACB Scheme Manager or the Director of Accreditation if you would like to seek further clarification on this circular.

Approved by,

Director of Accreditation
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