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STANDARDS
MALAYSIA

The Scheme for the Accreditation of Certification Bodies (The ACB Scheme)
ACB CIRCULAR 5/2017

TRANSITION OF ACB - GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICES FOR FOOD (ACB-GMP) AND STANDARDS MALAYSIA REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF BODIES OPERATING CERTIFICATION OF HACCP SYSTEMS TO MS 1480 (ACB-HACCP)

1. Introduction and scope

With reference to clause 3.2.3 related to Food safety training in ACB-GMP (Issue 1, 18 June 2013) and ACB-HACCP (Issue 6, 14 October 2013), whereby the training course shall be conducted by trainer certified by Ministry of Health (MOH).

In 2015, MOH conducted a pilot training programme with Standards Malaysia accredited Certification Bodies (CBs) to the Good Manufacturing for Food (GMP) and Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point Systems (HACCP) certification programmes.

Following from which, the Department of Standards Malaysia (Standards Malaysia) in discussions with MOH have updated the requirements to provide more clarity to the abovementioned requirement.

As such, Standards Malaysia will require all of its accredited certification bodies under the related management systems accreditation programmes to comply with the requirements stated in this circular by **1 July 2017**.

2. Objective

This circular is aimed to inform Standards Malaysia accredited CBs on the transition processes that will be implemented by Standards Malaysia for the transition to the additional ACB-GMP and ACB-HACCP requirements within the transition dateline, i.e by or before **1 July 2017**.

3. Standards Malaysia requirements for the transition to additional ACB-GMP and ACB-HACCP requirements.

3.1 Accredited Certification Bodies

i. CB auditors:

- a) Accredited CBs shall have at least one (1) qualified auditor (i.e. whom have passed the MOH food safety training) by **1 July 2017**.

- b) A transition period of **two (2) years ending 1 July 2019** shall be given for accredited CBs to ensure **ALL** auditors are qualified.
- c) Upon passing the MOH food safety training, qualified auditors will be issued a certificate by MOH (GMP and/or HACCP) that is valid for three (3) years.
- d) The certificate is renewable without re-examination subject to the auditor's active participation in three (3) audits per programme within the certificate validity.
- e) Qualified auditors that are dormant (i.e have not performed audits) within the three (3) year validity period shall need to re-take and pass the MOH food safety training.

ii. CBs certified clients

- a) Accredited CBs certified clients are entitled to the same benefits as MOH certified clients subject to the clients being audited by qualified auditors.
- b) For the purpose of this, the CB shall re-issue the clients' certificate that have been audited by qualified auditors with the following statement:

"This certified client has been audited by a team consisting of (an) MOH qualified auditor(s)"

- c) Certified clients of accredited CBs with no qualified auditors shall not receive the benefits as MOH certified clients.
- d) If certified clients that are not audited by qualified auditors wish to receive the same benefits, may be able to do so subject to a verification audit by an audit team consisting of at least a qualified auditor.

3.2 New Application:

- i. All new applications received after the date of this circular shall meet the new requirements as stated in this circular.
- ii. A CB wishing to apply/extend accreditation to GMP and HACCP may submit application without a GMP/HACCP qualified auditor. However, accreditation shall only be granted after the CB has demonstrated proof of at least a qualified auditor.

4. Validity of existing ACB-GMP and ACB-HACCP accreditation

The status of accreditation of existing GMP and HACCP accredited CBs without qualified auditors shall remain valid until the end of the transition period, i.e 1 July 2019 after which accreditation shall be withdrawn.

THANK YOU

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