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Dear Sir/Madam,

**ACB CIRCULAR 6/2017: TRANSITION OF STANDARDS MALAYSIA CRITERIA  
DOCUMENT: ACB-MALAYSIAN SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL (ACB-MSPO) TO ACB-OIL  
PALM MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION (ACB-OPMC)**

The matter above is referred.

2. For your information, Department of Standards Malaysia (Standards Malaysia) has published the ACB-OPMC series to replace and cancel the ACB-MSPO (Issue 1, 8 December 2015). The ACB-OPMC series as per below :

- i) ACB-OPMC 1: Competency Requirements for Certification Bodies Operating Oil Palm Management Certification Under The Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) Certification Scheme.
- ii) ACB-OPMC 2: Audit Duration for Certification Bodies Operating Oil Palm Management Certification Under The Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) Certification Scheme.
- iii) ACB-OPMC 3: Peer Review Process Requirements for Certification Bodies Operating Oil Palm Management Certification Under The Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) Certification Scheme.
- iv) ACB-OPMC 4: Stakeholder Consultation Requirements for Certification Bodies Operating Oil Palm Management Certification Under The Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) Certification Scheme.

3. In accordance to this, please find attached is the ACB Circular 6/2017 on the transition of ACB-OPMC series for your information and further action.

4. For your information, a copy of this circular and ACB-OPMC series can also be attained from Standards Malaysia website, [http://www.jsm.gov.my/acb-publication#.WZ5EI\\_jhrlU](http://www.jsm.gov.my/acb-publication#.WZ5EI_jhrlU)

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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**The Scheme for the Accreditation of Certification Bodies (The ACB Scheme)**

**ACB CIRCULAR 6/2017**  
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**TRANSITION OF STANDARDS MALAYSIA CRITERIA DOCUMENT: ACB-MALAYSIAN  
SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL (ACB-MSPO) TO ACB-OIL PALM MANAGEMENT  
CERTIFICATION (ACB-OPMC)**

**1. Background**

Due to request from the Malaysian Palm Oil Certification Council (MPOCC), the scheme owner for Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO), the Department of Standards Malaysia (Standards Malaysia) has revised ACB-MSPO document to strengthen the accreditation criteria on the oil palm management system.

Four (4) series document were established and approved on 1 August 2017 as per below:

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The ACB-OPMC series of documents cancels and replaces the ACB-MSPO document (Issue 1, 8 December 2015)

## **2. Standards Malaysia requirements for the transition to ACB-OPMC**

### **2.1 Accredited Certification Bodies :**

The transition period for these documents will be for 6 months beginning 1 August 2017. Any findings based on these documents will be raised as observation during the transition period. Starting 1 February 2018, all findings will be raised as non-conformance.

### **2.2 New applicant and Extension of Scope**

For new applications or extension of scope received by Standards Malaysia from Certification Bodies (CBs) for accreditation, the four new ACB-OPMC documents, dated 1 August 2017, will immediately apply.

**THANK YOU**

Director of Accreditation