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**TRANSITION OF ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD.1:2020 – INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY – SECURITY TECHNIQUES – REQUIREMENTS FOR BODIES
PROVIDING AUDIT AND CERTIFICATION OF INFORMATION SECURITY
MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**

A. Introduction and scope

On 27 July 2020, International Accreditation Forum (IAF) approved a resolution on the Transitional Arrangement for ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD 1:2020 by letter ballot as follows:

“The General Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Technical Committee, resolved that the Transitional Arrangement associated with ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD 1:2020 - Information technology - Security techniques - Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of information security management systems – Amendment 1, will be two years from the last day of the month of publication of the amended standard.

Within this transition timeline:

- ABs shall be ready to carry out transition assessments for ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD 1:2020, within eight months from the last day of the month of publication of the amended standard.
- CBs shall have completed the transition to ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD1:2020, through office assessment, within 24 months from the last day of the month of publication of the amended standard.

Note 1: ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD 1:2020, was published on the 27 March 2020.

Note 2: The transition is not a routine transition from one version of a standard to another. The transition only relates to the specific changes detailed in Amendment 1:2020.”

This circular is to inform Standards Malaysia’s applicant/accredited CBs on the requirements for the transition to the abovementioned standard.

B. Requirements

1. Accredited Certification Bodies

- i. Certification bodies (CB) are advised to review the amendment, 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:
- 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 **30 November 2020**.
- iii. Findings to the ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD1:2020 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 accreditation to include ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD1:2020 is granted.

3.1 New Application:

- i. All new applications received after **30 November 2020** shall include ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD1:2020.

C. Validity of ISO/IEC 27006:2015

By **30 March 2022**, any certification bodies that have yet to transition to incorporate ISO/IEC 27006:2015 AMD1:2020 shall be withdrawn.

THANK YOU

Approved by,

**Director of Accreditation
For the Director General
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