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**The Scheme for the Accreditation of Certification Bodies (The ACB Scheme)**  
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**TRANSITION TO ACB FOOD - REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF BODIES OPERATING CERTIFICATION OF FOOD SAFETY PROGRAMMES AND TRANSITION REQUIREMENTS FOR MS 1480:2019 TO MS 1480:2025 - FOOD SAFETY ACCORDING TO HAZARD ANALYSIS AND CRITICAL CONTROL POINT (HACCP) SYSTEM**

## 1 INTRODUCTION

This document provides transition requirements for the following:

**A.**

<b>Normative Document:</b>	ACB Food, Issue 1, 12 June 2025
<b>Replacing:</b>	ACB GMP, Issue 1, 18 June 2013 ACB HACCP, Issue 6, 14 October 2013
<b>Date of Publication:</b>	12 June 2025
<b>Transition Period</b>	2 years

**B.**

<b>Normative Document:</b>	MS 1480:2025
<b>Replacing:</b>	MS 1480:2019
<b>Date of Publication:</b>	24 October 2025
<b>Transition Period</b>	2 years

## 2 OBJECTIVE

This circular aims to inform the Department of Standards Malaysia (JSM) applicant and accredited Certification Bodies (CBs) on the transition process to the revised ACB requirement and standard.

### 3 REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TRANSITION TO ACB FOOD AND MS 1480:2025

#### 3.1 Accredited CBs

3.1.1 The following are the requirements that the CBs shall follow:

Activity	Due Date
<b>For ACB Food:</b>	
A. CBs to be assessed based on new standard beginning	1 October 2026
B. CBs to provide gap analysis to new standard which includes: i. Communication to clients on transition to the new standard; and ii. Training to key personnel on the revised standard.	At least one (1) week prior to assessment.
C. CBs to complete transition by	24 October 2027
<b>For MS 1480:2025:</b>	
A. JSM to witness the CB based on the new standard no later than	1 October 2026
B. CBs to complete transition of all clients by	24 October 2027

#### 3.2 Applicant CBs

3.2.1 The following are the requirements that the CBs shall follow:

Activity	Due Date
A. Applicants that have begun the accreditation process to complete the transition no later than:	1 October 2026
B. New applicants received after the following date to be based on the revised standard	1 October 2026

#### **4 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Failure of the CB to satisfactorily transition within the transition period may result in a finding raised during the assessment.
- 4.2 Failure of the CB to satisfactorily transition after the transition has ended may result in accreditation being suspended or withdrawn.

#### **5 IMPLEMENTATION**

- 5.1 To be eligible for the Health Certificate for Export, the HACCP elements in FSMS shall be based on MS 1480.
- 5.2 As per the Accreditation Policy 4 (AP 4) - Policy on the Requirements Key Personnel of Conformity Assessment Bodies, Issue 2, 29 August 2023, Clause 5.3 and *Garis Panduan Permohonan Sijil Perakuan Juruaudit Keselamatan Makanan di bawah ACB, Mac 2024 (Rev 4)*, HACCP and FSMS auditors shall pass both Training on ACB GMP and Training on ACB HACCP. HACCP and FSMS auditors that have not attended the Training on ACB GMP shall attend and pass the training prior to renewal of auditor's certificate.
- 5.3 After 24 October 2027, accredited certification to MS 1480:2019 shall no longer be accepted.

Approved by:

**Director of Accreditation**