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**TRANSITION FROM MS 1514:2009 TO MS 1514:2022 GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICES FOR FOOD (GMP)**

**1. Introduction and scope**

The second revision of MS 1514:2022 Good Manufacturing Practices for Food (GMP) was published on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022. This standard cancel and replaces MS 1514:2009.

Based on discussions with the Food Safety and Quality Division, Ministry of Health Malaysia, we have come to an agreement for a two (2) year transition period from the date 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022. As such, Standards Malaysia will require all of its accredited certification bodies under this related management system accreditation programme to ensure their accredited certified clients have transitioned to the new standard by **13<sup>th</sup> July 2024**.

**2. Objective**

This circular is aimed to inform the related Standards Malaysia accredited certification bodies on the transition processes of certification bodies accredited certified clients that will be implemented by Standards Malaysia within the transition dateline, i.e. by or before **13<sup>th</sup> July 2024**.

**3. Standards Malaysia requirements for the transition to MS 1514:2022**

**3.1 Accredited Certification Bodies**

- i. Certification bodies (CBs) shall review the new standard, conduct a gap analysis, train their personnel and review related 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:
  1. Communication by the CB to its certified clients on the transition plan to the new standard,
  2. Training to auditors and other related personnel on the revised standard, and

3. Arrangement by the CB to transfer certified clients to the revised standard.
    - 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 assessment beginning **13<sup>th</sup> July 2022**.
    - iii. Findings to the new MS 1514:2022 may be raised as a non-conformance or observation depending on the nature of the subject matter. Corrective actions for the findings shall be closed out and verified (where applicable) before recommendation for accredited certification to MS 1514:2022 is granted.
    - iv. If the certification body intends to issue accredited certification to MS 1514:2022, the CB shall demonstrate competence to audit based on MS 1514:2022 by allowing Standards Malaysia to conduct as least one (1) witness assessment to MS 1514:2022 as well as submit the documentation as mentioned in 3.1.i.
- 3.2 New Application:
- i. All new applications received after **1<sup>st</sup> January 2023** shall apply for accreditation to GMP based on MS 1514:2022.
  - ii. For existing applicants, witness assessments arranged after **1<sup>st</sup> January 2023** shall be based on MS 1514:2022.

#### **4. Validity of MS 1514:2009**

By 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024, any existing accredited certificates issued based on MS 1514:2009 will no longer be valid and shall be withdrawn.

Approved by:

**Director of Accreditation**  
**Department of Standards Malaysia**

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022