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TRANSITION OF ISO 50001:2018
ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS – REQUIREMENTS WITH GUIDANCE FOR
USE

1. Introduction and scope

The standard ISO 50001:2018 – Energy Management Systems – Requirements with Guidance for Use was published in August 2018. This edition of ISO 50001:2018 cancels and replaces ISO 50001:2011.

The International Accreditation Forum (IAF) have agreed to a **three (3) year transition period** from the publication date of ISO 50001:2018 for any organization in tending to follow a systematic approach in achieving continual improvement in energy performance that wishes to be certified to this standard to bring their operations and processes in line with the requirements of the new standard. 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 **31 August 2021**.

2. Objective

This circular is aimed to inform the related Standards Malaysia accredited certification bodies on the transition processes of the certification bodies accredited certified clients that will be implemented by Standards Malaysia within the transition dateline, i.e by or before **31 August 2021**.

3. Standards Malaysia requirements for the transition to ISO 50001:2018

3.1 Accredited Certification Bodies

- i. Certification bodies (CB) are advised to review the new standard, 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:

1. Communication by the CB to its certified clients on the transition plan to the new standard,
 2. Training to auditors and other resources 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 assessments beginning **31 August 2019**.
- iii. Findings to the new ISO 50001:2018 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 accredited certification to ISO 50001:2018 is granted.
- iv. If the certification body intends to issue accredited certification to ISO 50001:2018, the CB shall demonstrate competence to audit based on ISO 50001:2018 by allowing Standards Malaysia to conduct at least one (1) witness assessment to ISO 50001:2018 as well as submit evidence of training of auditors to ISO 50001:2018.
- v. The CB shall ensure that it ceases conducting audits, including initial, surveillance and recertification to the ISO 50001:2011 version after **31 August 2020**.

3.2 New Application:

- i. All new applications received after **31 August 2019** shall provide clients for witnessing based on ISO 50001:2018.
- ii. For existing applicants, witness assessments after **31 August 2019** shall be based on ISO 50001:2018.

4. Validity of ISO 50001:2011

By 31 August 2021, any existing accredited certificates issued based on ISO 50001:2011 shall no longer be valid and shall be withdrawn.

Approved by,

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