



Clarification On The Msपो Certification Scheme Document 2023 Requirements (Rules For Group Certification & Certification Bodies Accreditation)

Following the substantial volume of correspondence, both via email and messages, from our valued stakeholders regarding a few interpretations of the clauses in the MSPO Certification Scheme document 2023 requirements. MSPO would like to provide the following clarifications regarding the requirements related to:

- a) Rules of Group Certification and Internal Control System (ICS) Requirements
- b) Accreditation of Certification Bodies (CBs) for the MS2530:2022 Standard Series

a) Rules For Group Certification And Internal Control System (ICS) Requirements:

MSPO 2530:2022 Part 2-1, Part 2-2 and Part 3-1:

The recommended minimum man-days for the Internal Control System (ICS) for existing certified group will be reduced from 2 man-days to 0.5 man-days. This decision is made after taking into account the maturity of the certification system of existing certified entities. However, the ACBs may increase the man-days based on the risk assessment. All other rules of group certification requirements shall be adhered to accordingly.

MSPO 2530:2022: Part 3-2:

ICS and Group Manager requirements are exempted for all existing certified entities under Group Certification scope if:

- The same documentation (e.g., Policy, Procedure) is implemented.
- All members within the group are governed by regional-level senior management.
- The estates are owned by the same owner or parent company.

The rules of group certification regarding homogeneous requirements must still be adhered to

b) Accreditation Of Certification Bodies For MS2530:2022 Standard Series

Following extensive deliberation and consultation with the Department of Standards Malaysia (DSM), a decision has been reached to allow all existing MSPO Accredited Certification Bodies (ACBs) to continue providing MSPO certification services under the revised MS2530:2022 standard series.

This authorization will be effective as of 02 January 2025, subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- ACBs shall have successfully undergone the transition office assessment by DSM in 2024.
- ACBs shall complete and obtain full accreditation for MS2530:2022 scopes from DSM by 31st March 2025.
- ACBs shall successfully enter into the MSPO recognition agreement with MSPO (the scheme owner) by 31st May 2025.
- Only CBs that have obtained full accreditation from DSM are allowed to issue accredited MSPO certificates for MS2530:2022. During this extended accreditation transition period, CBs must request and notify MSPO for the extension of the current MSPO certificate validity (MS2530:2013) for entities that have undergone audits against MS2530:2022 while waiting for the ACBs to obtain full accreditation status.

Should you have any inquiries regarding the information presented in this circular, please do not hesitate to contact us via email at csu@mspo.org.my

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