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## **Publication Of The MSPO Social Impact Assessment (SIA) Procedure**

To : All Relevant Stakeholders  
From : Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) Scheme Owner  
Subject : Official Publication and Enforcement of the MSPO Social  
Impact Assessment (SIA) Procedure

Pursuant to the Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) certification requirements and the formal adoption of the MSPO Social Impact Assessment (SIA) Procedure, this circular serves to formally announce the publication of the MSPO SIA Procedure and provide detailed guidance on its implementation and enforcement.

### **1. Binding Commitment to the MSPO SIA Procedure**

Effective from the date of this circular, all endorsed external SIA assessors are formally bound by the provisions and requirements outlined in the Procedure. These obligations apply to all Social Impact Assessments conducted for MSPO certification and must be fully adhered to in order to uphold the integrity, consistency, and quality of the SIA process.

The full procedure document, which outlines the scope of assessment, methodology, roles and responsibilities, assessor competencies, and submission protocols, is available on the official MSPO website.

## 2. Submission Protocol for External SIA Reports

Until the official designated submission platform is launched, all endorsed external assessors are hereby directed to submit their completed draft MSPO SIA reports via email to:

**Mr. Amirul Hadi**

Email: [hadi@mspo.org.my](mailto:hadi@mspo.org.my)

Submission shall be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the date of site visit, in line with Clause 4.1.2(iv) of the Procedure.

## 3. Implementation and Transition Period

The MSPO SIA Procedure shall be fully implemented and enforced effective from the date of this publication.

To ensure a smooth and effective transition, a grace period is granted for internal assessors, beginning **from the date of publication until 31 December 2025**. During this period:

- (i) Internal assessor reports completed prior to full enforcement may remain valid, subject to verification during audits.
- (ii) Organisations are expected to familiarise themselves with the Procedure and address any gaps accordingly

## 4. Enforcement and Compliance

As outlined in Clause 5.1 of the Procedure, the scheme owner reserves the right to monitor compliance, accept or reject SIA reports, and take necessary actions, including suspension or revocation of endorsement, against any external assessor found to be in breach of the Procedure.

Stakeholders are advised to study the full MSPO SIA Procedure and ensure its integration across all relevant operations.

For further enquiries or clarifications, please contact the MSPO office at [info@mspo.org.my](mailto:info@mspo.org.my) or **+603 5569 9676**.

MSPO appreciates the cooperation of all stakeholders in ensuring the successful implementation of this Procedure as part of our shared commitment to social responsibility and certification integrity.

***Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil***

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