

(UPDATED: JULY 2023)
**REVISED TRANSITION PLAN FOR THE USE OF
MSPO STANDARD (MS2530:2022 SERIES)**

This updated version supersedes the 22 March 2022 transition plan.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES:

All audits against MSPO standard MS2530:2022 series (including the transition audit) shall only be allowed once both the certificate holders and the ACBs are fulfilling all the requirements stipulated in the applicable standards and the certification scheme document except the temporary exemptions as stated in section 6 of this transition plan.

New MSPO certification application; either on MS2530:2013 or MS2530:2022 will be on hold until further notice except for Part 4-3 (Dealers).

To ensure smooth transition of the MS2530 standard series, the following section terms shall be applied:

- Section 1: MS2530:2022 Standards Series**
- Section 2: Guidance Documents**
- Section 3: MSPO Certification Scheme Document 2023**
- Section 4: Social Impact Assessment (SIA) Guideline for MS2530:2022 Standards**
- Section 5: MSPO Trace**
- Section 6: Temporary Exemptions**

SECTION 1: MS2530:2022 Standards Series

The *Malaysian Sustainable Palm Oil (MSPO) (MS 2530:2022)* standard series replaces the current *MSPO Standards (MS 2530:2013)* and *Supply Chain Certification Standard (MSPO-SCCS-01)*.

The series of *MS2530:2022* have been revised based on international practices and in accordance with the Standard Setting Process by the Department of Standards Malaysia (Standards Malaysia). The *MS2530:2022* standard series was launched on the 22 MARCH 2022 with initial approved date from the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) on 27 JANUARY 2022.

All existing MSPO certified entities and Accredited Certification Bodies (ACBs) are requested to adhere to the rescheduled transition plan which to be effective from 1st August 2023 till 31st Dec 2024.

SECTION 2: MSPO Guidance Documents

MPOCC has developed guidance documents for the revised MSPO Standards series. Once they are available, users should be able to download them from the website.

SECTION 3: MSPO Certification Scheme Document 2023

1. The revised Certification Scheme document was approved by the MPOCC Board of Trustees (BOT) on 5th January 2023. The revised MSPO Certification Scheme document will be applied with a seventeen (17) months transition period starting **from 1st August 2023 and will end on 31st DECEMBER 2024**. All certificate holders, applicant Certification Bodies (CBs) and Accredited Certification Bodies (ACBs) shall adhere with the requirements stipulated in the MSPO Certification Scheme 2023 document for the transition audit against MS2530:2022 standards series.
2. Accreditation scope shall be as follows:
 - a) Part 2: MS 2530-2-1 & MS 2530-2-2
 - b) Part 3: MS 2530-3-1 & MS 2530-3-2
 - c) Part 4.1: MS 2530-4-1
 - d) Part 4.2: MS 2530-4-2
 - e) Part 4.3: MS 2530-4-3
 - f) Other non-mandatory MSPO standards

NOTE:

- **Only CBs accredited to that specified scope are authorized to perform audits for the mentioned parts above.**
 - **Existing palm oil mills certified against MS2530:2013 (Part 4) and MSPO SCCS shall follow the SCCS certification cycle for the transition to MS2530:2022 (Part 4-1).**
3. ACBs shall notify Standards Malaysia and MPOCC at least 3 months in advance on the first transition audit of each scope (refer Section 3: Clause 2), to enable witnessing by Standards Malaysia. ACBs shall ensure obtaining the relevant accreditation within the 17 months transition period. Failing which, the audit will be considered as non-accredited audit and will not be recognized by MPOCC.
 4. Upon obtaining the accreditation from Department of Standards Malaysia (DSM) for the MS2530:2022 standard series, all ACBs shall enter into the new **Recognition Agreement** immediately with the scheme owner. Failing which, the ACBs will not be allowed to conduct any MSPO audit.
 5. The MPOCC **Endorsed Training Provider (ETP)** for all MSPO related trainings will be announced through MPOCC website.

SECTION 4: Social Impact Assessment Guidelines and Approach for MS2530:2022 Standards

1. The SIA Guidelines and Approach for the MSPO Standards 2022 have been made publicly available starting 15 July 2022 in the MPOCC website. The user may conduct the SIA in TWO (2) ways, as follows:
 - a) Through self-assessments/internal, OR
 - b) Externally by using MPOCC endorsed third-party assessor.
2. The endorsed assessors list will be available in MPOCC website together with the translated Bahasa Malaysia version of this guidelines.

SECTION 5: MSPO Trace System

The reporting process in the MSPO Trace system for MS2530:2013 standard version will remain via MSPO Trace system. Whereas, for MS2530:2022 standard version will be announced later by MPOCC.

SECTION 6: Temporary Exemptions

After due consideration of concerns from various stakeholders' and high-level commitment on the implementation of the new requirements in the MS2530:2022 standards, MPOCC is currently working on a comprehensive mechanism and approach to address the new requirements in the MS2530:2022 standards. As part of this process, MPOCC has decided to grant temporary exemptions to certificate holders on following elements as per table 1 below:

- a) **Calculation of Green House Gas (GHG) emissions**
- b) **High Conservation Value (HCV) Assessment**
- c) **New planting and/or new establishment requirement (Cut-off date:31st December 2019)**

Table 1: During the transition period, the following temporary exemptions shall be applied:

MSPO 2022 Standard requirements	Temporary exemption conditions
1. Social Impact Assessment (SIA)	Exemptions are only allowed once during the transition period. The subsequent surveillance or recertification audit shall fulfil the exempted requirements. The certificate holders should implement the requirements as soon as the documents or guidelines are finalized by the scheme owner. ACBs shall raise Minor Non-Conformity (NC) during the transition audit if the

	<p>certificate holders found to be non-conformance to the exempted requirements and verify the conformance during the subsequent audit. The minor NC closure timeline for the exempted clauses may be extended subject to ACBs evaluation and justification and shall obtain MPOCC's approval.</p>
<p>2. Green House Gas calculation (GHG)</p>	<p>Exemptions are only allowed once during the transition period. The subsequent surveillance or recertification audit shall fulfil the exempted requirements. The certificate holders should implement the requirements as soon as the documents or guidelines are finalized by the scheme owner.</p> <p>ACBs shall raise Minor Non-Conformity (NC) during the transition audit if the certificate holders found to be non-conformance to the exempted requirements and verify the conformance during the subsequent audit. The minor NC closure timeline for the exempted clauses may be extended subject to ACBs evaluation and justification and shall obtain MPOCC's approval.</p>
<p>3. High Conservation Value Assessment (HCV)</p>	<p>Exemption is only allowed if there is no new planting/development carried out within the existing certified area and/or no expansion of planted area after 31 December 2019.</p> <p>NOTE: Any certificate holders found to have new planting/development within the existing certified area during the transition audit, the continuation of the certification decision should be put on hold or suspended by the ACBs until full HCV assessment conducted and approved by the scheme owner.</p>

If you have any inquiries about the transition plan, please send your inquiries to Certification Scheme Unit at csu@mpocc.org.my of MPOCC.