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**NOTIFICATION OF TRANSITION PLAN FOR THE USE OF MSPO
STANDARD (MS2530:2022 SERIES)**

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 are requested to adhere to the rescheduled transition plan which to be effective from 1st August 2023 till 31st Dec 2024.

Social Impact Assessment Guidelines and Approach for MS2530:2022 Standards

The SIA Guidelines and Approach for the MSPO Standards 2022 have been made publicly available starting 15 July 2022 in the **MSPO** website. The user may conduct the SIA in TWO (2) ways, as follows:

- a) Through self-assessments/internal, OR
- b) Externally by using **MSPO** endorsed third-party assessor.

The endorsed assessors list will be available in **MSPO** website together with the translated Bahasa Malaysia version of this guidelines.

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, **MSPO** is currently working on a comprehensive mechanism and approach to address the new requirements in the MS2530:2022 standards. As part of this process, **MSPO** 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
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 MSPO. ECCO 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 ECCO evaluation and justification and shall obtain MSPO's approval.
Green House Gas calculation (GHG)	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 MSPO. ECCO 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 ECCO evaluation and justification and shall obtain MSPO approval.
High Conservation Value Assessment (HCV)	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. 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 ECCO until full HCV assessment conducted and approved by MSPO.

If you have any inquiries about the transition plan, please send your inquiries to info@eccocertified.com or call our office number **03-27262526**.