ISSUES AND CHALLENGES IN MSPO CERTIFICATION FROM CERTIFICATION BODY POINT OF VIEW

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

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INTRODUCTION : MSPO CERTIFICATION AUDITS

INITIAL CERTIFICATION

ANNUAL SURVEILLANCE

RECERTIFICATION
INITIAL CERTIFICATION
• Stage 1 audit
• Stage 2 audit

ANNUAL SURVELLANCE AUDIT
• Within 9 – 12 months after certification decision

RECERTIFICATION
• On every 5th year of the certification
ISSUES & CHALLENGES

MS 2530 was published in 2013 ~ new sustainability standard

Where certain requirements is too general.

e.g. P6 Best practices

4.6.1.1 SOP shall be appropriately documented and consistently implemented and monitored
Organization awareness on the requirements of the MSPO standards especially to those organizations who do not have any management system such as ISO14001 EMS, OHSAS 18001 OHSMS, ISCC, RSPO
ISSUES & CHALLENGES

Auditor’s competency / audit team’s competency
MSPO concept ~3 P (Planet, People, Profit)

Difficulty to get “right” auditor with experience
in oil palm industries i.e. palm oil mill, plantation,
social & employment condition, occupational
safety & health, environmental, biodiversity,
financial
ISSUES & CHALLENGES

Stakeholders consultation process

Special requirement before and during each stages of audits – to allocate auditor days.

Among the stakeholders - employees, surrounding community, neighbouring estates, NGO, government agency and contractors
Organization perception on MSPO certification

Certain inquiry related to economic benefit, due date for mandatory, structure of the standard, competence person to conduct SIA / Biodiversity assessment, training providers
ISSUES & CHALLENGES

Legal compliance

Many legal requirements to be complied related to milling & agriculture practices, environmental, Occupational safety & health, employment condition, State Ordinance, riparian zone, factory & machineries, land code and etc

If the certificate holder non compliance – risk to the certification body
ISSUES & CHALLENGES

Site location of independent smallholders

To ensure the audit sampling in accordance with audit sampling guideline
WAY FORWARD

issues

challenges
Training to the plantation/estates owners, mill owners i.e. mill manager, engineer, estate manager, assistant manager, admin staff, field staff, sustainability team.

Training subject shall not limit to the MSPO requirement but to be extended to the specific subject such as EIA, SIA, BioD, Internal control system (ICS)
Certification system document shall provide clear guidance to deal with certificate holder non compliance with legal requirements.
Interpretation to the standard requirements.

- The existing guidance document can be further enhanced especially on the SIA, Biodiversity, best practise for mill & estate
- Guidance document can be translated to Bahasa Malaysia
- Made accessible to the user
To conduct periodic update session between scheme owner, accreditation body, government agency (oil palm), certification body

to discuss issues pertaining MSPO certification
Thank You

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