

## CHANGES OF MALAYSIAN PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATES

### Question and Answer

#### How is the Phytosanitary Certificates (PC) changing?

Department of Agriculture (DOA) Malaysia as a National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) of Malaysia has revised both format of Malaysian Phytosanitary Certificate for export and re-export in accordance with ISPM 12: Phytosanitary Certificate (2011), Rome, International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC). The phytosanitary certificate for export and re-export will also be changed into new printed form with new security features paper.

#### Why are they changing?

Changes of the format are to align with implementation of online issuance system for phytosanitary certificate known as Malaysian Phytosanitary Certificate System (MyPhyto). Upgrading on security feature of printed paper is to address issues related to counterfeit.

#### When are these changes come into effect?

Changes to Malaysian phytosanitary certificate for export and re-export on new printed forms come into effect on **15<sup>th</sup> February 2017**. However, for smooth takeover to the changes, we have earmarked transition period of **three (3) month till 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017**. During the transition period, the Malaysian phytosanitary certificate for export and re-export issued on the old version forms shall also be valid and the importing countries are requested to accept the same.

#### What if I have shipment in transit that leaves Malaysia before this date but is scheduled to arrive after the coming into force date?

The DOA will advise trading partner and other importing country that changes to the Malaysian phytosanitary certificate for export and re-export will come into effect on **15<sup>th</sup> February 2017**. However, there is a three (3) months transition period and during the transition period both format shall be accepted by importing country.

#### What do I need to do if I am exporting a product?

Please contact local DOA PC issuance offices to understand the export phytosanitary requirements, and arrange for export inspection and phytosanitary certificate. A **complete list of DOA PC issuance offices** can be found at: <http://myphyto.gov.my/v7/Login/IndexHK>

**Where can I find the revised policy on Malaysian phytosanitary certificate?**

The revised policy is available on the MyPhyto website at <http://myphyto.gov.my/v7>.

**Where can I find a new Malaysian phytosanitary certificate?**

The local DOA PC issuance offices across Malaysia are responsible for issuing phytosanitary certificate. As of **15<sup>th</sup> February 2017**, the new phytosanitary certificate will be used.