The Sustainable Certification Scheme That Draw The Attention of Oil Palm Industry – MSPO Certification by DQS

Form the left – Mr. Galau Melayong (Sarawak Oil Palms Berhad’s Head of Sustainability), Mr. Danny Ng (DQS Malaysia Regional MD), Mr. Paul Wong Hee Kwong (Sarawak Oil Palms Berhad’s Group CEO), Mr. Soong KV (DQS Malaysia CFS Division General Manager) & Mr. Eric Kiu Kwong Seng (Sarawak Oil Palms Berhad’s COO), are all attracted to DQS MSPO certificates during certificate presentation conducted on 16-Oct-2015.

As one of the largest company in Sarawak that involves in primarily cultivation of oil palms and operation of palm oil mills, Sarawak Oil Palms Berhad recognizes the value and importance as well as its obligation as per the 3 Sustainability Principles of People, Planet & Profit. 11 plantations & 2 palm oil mills comprise a total area of 30,000 hectares, which is approximately 50% of SOPB’s Oil Palm trees planted area, are MSPO certified by DQS on July 2015 which demonstrate SOPB’s commitment towards sustainability. This also consistent with its Environmental Sustainability Policy statement “..the need of present society are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own”. 
The MSPO Awareness Course on 9th July 2015 at DQS Training Centre

This MSPO Awareness course is designed for participants who wish to gain knowledge of MSPO requirements, National Standards on sustainability applicable to palm oil industry supply chain from plantation to oil mills and refineries. It focuses on the interpretation and implementation of MSPO requirements, legal and specific requirements in compliance with MSPO.

- Internal MSPO auditors
- Project managers or consultants wanting to understand MSPO requirements
- Persons responsible for MSPO/QESH conformity in an organization
- Members of Sustainable/Regulatory/QESH team
- Expert advisors in Sustainable or QESH Management Systems
- Company staff wishing to gain in-depth knowledge of MSPO requirements.
- Other stakeholders, such as NGOs or government officials, wanting a rigorous introduction to the MSPO standards and systems.

Participants from various company have joined the training eg; Sarawak Oils Palms Berhad (Sarawak), Sabah Softwoods Berhad (Sabah), Sime Darby Plantation Sdn Bhd (Peninsular), etc.
Most of the United State’s palm oil supply comes from the progressive county of Malaysia where more than 40 percent of the oil palm planted area is tended by family farmers, also called smallholders. Once they attain MSPO certification, these Malaysian smallholders will join other Malaysian sustainable palm oil producers in filling America’s demand for responsibly produced palm oil.

Many of Malaysia’s oil palm family farmers belong to associations which provide assistance to the plantation owners. One of the largest is the National Association of Smallholders (NASH). “For independent smallholders with oil palm land size of 40 hectares and below, it is just too expensive to fork out the certification fee,” said NASH President Datuk Aliasak Ambia. He explained that smallholders are becoming more aware of the importance of getting their plantations certified due to North America’s and Europe’s increasing demand for certified sustainable palm oil products.

Aliasak wants the MSPO certification to be recognized throughout the world. “It is also important to highlight that Malaysian palm oil is of superior quality and sustainably produced from plantation to the table of the consumers,” he said.

The MSPO certification for independent smallholders could begin soon. “I believe once the grant has been disbursed accordingly, the auditing process can be carried out almost immediately,” he said. “There are 64 smallholder cooperatives nationwide. We plan to tap into their resources and pool the smallholders into groupings to make it easier for the auditing for MSPO certification to be carried out.

Source from:
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Health and Nutrition Expert
Palm Oil Health.org News
RISING DEMAND FOR MALAYSIAN PALM OIL DUE TO HEALTH AND SUSTAINABILITY

Natural, non-GMO, sustainably produced and balanced fat composition: These are all words increasingly used to describe Malaysian sustainable palm oil. According to a Credit Suisse financial analysis, this versatile oil is expected to become much more prevalent in the coming years. The Malaysian Palm Oil Council has long advocated this stance and agrees with this projection. We estimate demand for Malaysian palm oil to increase by 2030 in line with the Credit Suisse projections. The worldwide interest in healthy, natural fats and the global recognition of Malaysia’s sustainable palm oil industry are some of the reasons for this potential increase in its usage.

Malaysian sustainable palm oil is used as a cooking oil in Asia, Africa and the Middle East while in the Western Hemisphere it is an important ingredient in many solid fat formulations. This naturally trans fat-free oil has become a much sought-after substitute for partially hydrogenated oils and fats containing harmful trans fats, especially in regions looking to limit trans fat consumption such as the United States and Europe. These are ongoing opportunities creating new market demands for Malaysian palm oil, which is why we are projecting this increase looking ahead into 2030.

The report divided oils into two groups based on how the oil is produced. Natural oils such as palm, olive and coconut use non-chemical-based mechanical pressing to obtain the oil. Seed oils such as soybean, canola, rapeseed, corn and sunflower are solvent-extracted. The Credit Suisse report stated, “Palm should gradually improve its image and see the benefits of a trend toward more ‘natural’ oils. We expect it to grow by 10 percent on a per capita basis compared to 15 percent for olive oil.”

The report at the same time projects a decline for the solvent-extracted oils especially in Europe that will be matched by an increase in dairy and butter consumption. Timely enough, the report echoes current medical expert sentiments that saturated fats and the negative perceptions associated with their consumption are projected to gradually disappear, and then begin to dictate future consumer choices of fats, especially dairy and those termed as natural such as palm.

The Malaysian palm oil industry is already well geared to address the challenges and opportunities forecasted in the Credit Suisse report. Faced with sustainability demands and challenges, it is responding by supplying increasing volumes of certified palm oil. This has not been accompanied by an increase in its overall palm cultivation acreage. Better and more environmentally sound management practices have appeared throughout the palm supply chain. Replanting of old trees after 25 years is banking on higher yielding planting materials that promise a significant jump in productivity from its current average of 4 MT to at least 6 MT of oil per hectare. Additionally, state-of-the-art research, which has mapped out the oil palm genome and which was published in the prestigious journal Nature by a joint Malaysian/US research team promises to set the trends to meet world demands in a sustainable fashion, even beyond 2030. As a result of these developments Europe now increasingly regards Malaysian palm oil as highly sustainable. The United States sources about 80 percent of its palm oil from Malaysia since the American industry appreciates the quality, and the rigor of concerns and environmental practices that operate throughout the Malaysian palm oil industry.”

Sources from Dr. Kalyana Sundram, Palm Oil Health.org News
Sustainability Certification Standards in Palm Oil Industry
Correspondence between MSPO-RSPO-ISCC-ISPO

6. Certificate validity

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The **MSPO Public Training** is your first step towards a professional career as a MSPO auditor. Through this course, you will learn how to schedule, plan, lead and execute a successful MSPO audit for any organization related to oil palm plantations.

The MSPO Public Training will be a prerequisite for demonstrating basic competency for conducting, evaluating and reviewing the MSPO Principles & Criteria.

Limited spaces are available, so drop us an email soon to secure a seat. Closing date for registration is **one week before actual date**.

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