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Foreword

The development of Code of Veterinary Practice on *Traceability of Edible-Birdnest (EBN) Products: Part 1 - Requirements* was funded by Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC).

A traceability system is a useful tool to assist an organisation operating within EBN supply chain to achieve defined objectives in a management system. The choice of a traceability system is influenced by regulations, product characteristics and customer expectations. The complexity of the traceability system can vary depending on the features of the product and the objectives to be achieved.

The EBN supply chain begins with birdhouse, cave or cave collection centre, processing plant for cleaning, and up to retails and wholesale distribution. Traceability is implemented at each point to identify the source of EBN's origin. The chain traceability covers the identification of each EBN and its products by unique identification (UI) which consists of country code, company code, the product code and serial number.

SIRIM/DVS 1 is developed to assist Edible-nest Swiftlet industry in complying with the traceability requirements for edible-birdnest, in line with the China Protocol. It serves as a measure to ensure the safety of Malaysian raw edible-birdnest.

SIRIM/DVS 1 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Traceability of Edible-Birdnest (EBN) Products*:

- *Part 1: Requirements*
- *Part 2: Specification for Packaging, Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Reader and Tag*