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## **Requirements for Malaysian Phytosanitary Certification Assurance (MPCA) Scheme**

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**Foreword**

This standard was developed by the Project Committee on Malaysian Phytosanitary Certification Assurance Scheme jointly established by SIRIM Berhad and the Department of Agriculture Malaysia.

This standard was developed with the following objectives:

- a) to give guidance in the management of Malaysian Phytosanitary Certification Assurance (MPCA) Scheme; and
- b) to facilitate understanding on the responsibility of stakeholders that are involved in the scheme.

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