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Foreword

The development of SIRIM/MOA 1:2017 on the Good practice for primary processing of post-harvested herbs was funded by the Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry Malaysia (MOA).

This standard was developed by the Project Committee on SIRIM Industry Standard for Herbs established by SIRIM Berhad.

This standard was developed with the following objectives:

- a) to recommend a good practice to herbal industries on appropriate and effective processing of post-harvested herbs; and
- b) to standardise the primary processing of post-harvested herbs among the industries.

The practices outlined in this standard were derived based on the findings and results of survey including various consultation with field experts, interview and visit to identified plantations/organisations and stakeholder consultation. References were made to industry best practices and other relevant herbal documents.

This standard will be subjected to review to reflect current needs and conditions. Users and other interested parties may submit comments on the contents of this standard for consideration in future versions.

Information to assist users of the standard

For the purposes of this standard, the following ISO definitions have been adopted regarding verbal forms for the expression of provisions:

- a) “**shall**” indicates an **auditable requirement**: it is used to indicate requirements strictly to be followed in order to conform to the document and from which no deviation is permitted;
- b) “**should**” indicates a **recommendation**: it is used to indicate that among several possibilities one is recommended as particularly suitable, without mentioning or excluding others, or that a certain course of action is preferred but not necessarily required, or that (in the negative form) a certain possibility or course of action is deprecated but not prohibited;
- c) “**may**” indicates a **permission**: it is used to indicate a course of action permissible within the limits of the document; and
- d) “**can**” indicates a **possibility** or a **capability**: it is used for statements of possibility and capability, whether material, physical or causal.

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