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Foreword

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0 Introduction

0.1 Singapore is exposed to the volatilities of the global food market such as sudden disruptions to transport routes and export in addition to other challenges such as climate change which can affect both food production and supply. To ensure food security, Singapore has set the target of producing 30% of Singapore's nutritional needs by 2030 (also known as the "30 by 30" goal).

0.2 This standard is intended to help farmers improve productivity and provide quality assurance through the adoption of farming technologies and best practices, and having trained personnel, thus enhancing market access. It also aims to assist farms to meet the increasing market/consumers' demand for farm produce to have attributes beyond the basic safety requirements. Retailers' and consumers' preferences are shifting towards sustainable and ethical business practices and consumers are willing to pay a premium for higher quality and sustainably produced products. As such, more organisations are implementing business practices that have low environmental impact, uphold animal health and welfare, protect public health and have good employment practices and community support.

0.3 Globally, more farms are adopting international and/or national farming standards as they seek to enhance their access to export markets that demand such increasing consumer requirements. Regionally, Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) had also developed standards on husbandry practices such as a "Good Animal Husbandry Practice (ASEAN GAHP) Food Safety Module" and "Animal Welfare and Environmental Sustainability Module for Broilers and Layers" in 2014 and 2016 respectively. ASEAN member states including Singapore are also in the midst of aligning their national agri-food standards as part of an ASEAN commitment to realise the ASEAN Economic Community through the promotion of intra-regional trade of agri-food products by improving food safety and the agri-sector competitiveness.

0.4 This standard aims to address these new market/consumer requirements and to align with the ASEAN GAHP. This allows local farms to demonstrate that they have a robust farm management system in place for food safety and quality, environmental protection, worker health and safety, and animal health and welfare. Farms applying this standard will be able to enhance the branding of their produce, improve their market access and gain better acceptance from customers.

1 Scope

The standard provides a set of requirements for a farm management system detailing best practices to ensure the production of safe and high-quality produce during all phases of farm operations, including pre-production (e.g. hatchery, breeder stock and pullet), production (e.g. laying stages), egg collection, and post-production (e.g. management of spent birds, etc.), while minimising impact to the environment and upholding the welfare of animals. It applies to chicken layer and quail layer farms.

The scope of the standard covers the following four areas of agriculture farm production:

- a) Food safety and quality;
- b) Animal health and welfare;
- c) Environmental management; and
- d) Workers' health and safety.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this standard.