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The Majlis Standard Kebangsaan was formed in 2009 and reinstated as Majlis Standard dan Akreditasi Brunei Darussalam by consent of His Majesty the Sultan dan Yang Di - Pertuan of Brunei Darussalaam in February 2024. The Council act as the body responsible for strengthening and monitoring standards and conformance in Brunei Darussalam. Its members encompass multiple agencies across the Government, industry, academia and consumer interests and are envisaged to provide policy direction that will firm up national initiatives to create and stimulate sustainable economic growth. In this endeavor, factors such as the creation and promotion of awareness on consumer safety and interests will also from part of the main scope for the council.

The work of the council is facilitated by the Pusat Standard dan Akreditasi Brunei Darussalam (PSABD), under the Ministry of Finance and Economy. With the main role of strengthening the capacity and sustainability of the national standards infrastructure, the PSABD has been instructed to act as the body that provides a platform to complement the formation of the Council.

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## Committee Representation

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## **Foreword**

This publication is a result of dedication and commitment from the Technical Committee of Agricultural Crops (TCAC) which comprised of officers and specialists from various backgrounds under the Department of Agriculture and Agrifood, Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism. Inputs from various stakeholders in the agricultural communities were also paramount in moulding the content of this standard.

The development of the Brunei National Standard on Agricultural Crops is adopted from the ASEAN Standards for Horticultural Produce and Other Food Crops.

Brunei National Standard on Agricultural Crops aims to cater agricultural communities in the country with an instrument that will maintain and improve the quality of agricultural produce in particular rice, vegetables and fruits. It is fundamentally designed to set a standard for on-farm production activities that will assure the quality and enhance the competitiveness of agricultural produce from this country, in both domestic and export markets. The standard is pivotal in supporting the Ministry's strategic planning which emphasizes four key elements; growth, productivity, export and sustainability. Ultimately, the development of this standard is also in-line with and in support of ASEAN Economic Community's (AEC) effort on the promotion of single market through facilitating intra and extra ASEAN trade, quality assurance and ensuring safety standard of farm produce.

This standard encompasses various on-farm production activities which include the definition of produce, quality, sizing, tolerances, presentation, marking or labelling, contaminants, hygiene, and sampling and analysis techniques. It is important to note that, this standard only covers commercial varieties of crops which are to be supplied fresh and ready to be consumed. Agricultural produce for industrial processing are generally excluded. In this edition, the focus of the standard will be placed upon okra, watermelon, oyster mushroom, banana, pineapple, tomato and young coconut

This standard may also serve as a general reference and guidance for importer, exporter, agricultural extensions, farming communities, academic researchers, policy makers and also general public who are involved in agriculture activities.

# BRUNEI STANDARD FOR OKRA

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## 1. DEFINITION OF PRODUCE

This standard applies to commercial varieties of okra, which is also known as lady's finger, grown from *Abelmoschus esculentus* (L) Moench (syn. *Hibiscus esculentus* L.) of the Malvaceae family to be supplied fresh to the consumer. Okra for industrial processing is excluded.

## 2. PROVISIONS CONCERNING QUALITY

### 2.1 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

In all classes, subject to the special provisions for each class and the tolerances allowed, the okra shall be:

- whole with peduncle intact not to exceed 1cm;
- firm, not fibrous and easy to snap;
- fresh;
- clean, practically free of any visible foreign matter;
- practically free of foreign smell/odour and/or taste;
- characteristic of the variety and/or commercial type;
- sound, produce affected by rotting or deterioration such as to make it unfit for consumption is excluded;
- practically free of pests<sup>1</sup>;
- Practically free of the damage caused by pests affecting the general appearance of the produce;
- practically free from mechanical and/or physiological damage; and
- practically free of surface moisture excluding condensation.

The development and condition of the okra shall be such as to enable them to:

- withstand transportation and handling; and
- arrive in satisfactory condition at the place of destination.

#### 2.1.1 Minimum Maturity Requirements

The okra shall be harvested and have reached an appropriate degree of development and maturity as shown in Annex 1, in accordance with the characteristics proper to the variety and to the area in which they are grown.

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<sup>1</sup> The Provision for pest applies without prejudice to the applicable plant protection rules applied by governments in line with the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC).