

## New Malaysia Ambient Air Quality Standard

New Ambient Air Quality Standard was established in order to replace the older Malaysia Ambient Air Quality Guideline that has been used since 1989.

The New Ambient Air Quality Standard adopts 6 air pollutants criteria that include 5 existing air pollutants which are particulate matter with the size of less than 10 micron (PM<sub>10</sub>), sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), and ground level ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) as well as 1 additional parameter which is particulate matter with the size of less than 2.5 micron (PM<sub>2.5</sub>).

The air pollutants concentration limit will be strengthened in stages until 2020. There are 3 interim targets set which include interim target 1 (IT-1) in 2015, interim target 2 (IT-2) in 2018 and the full implementation of the standard in 2020.

**Table 1 : New Malaysia Ambient Air Quality Standard**

Pollutants	Averaging Time	Ambient Air Quality Standard		
		IT-1 (2015)	IT-2 (2018)	Standard (2020)
		µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>
Particulate Matter with the size of less than 10 micron (PM <sub>10</sub> )	1 Year	50	45	40
	24 Hour	150	120	100
Particulate Matter with the size of less than 2.5 micron (PM <sub>2.5</sub> )	1 Year	35	25	15
	24 Hour	75	50	35
Sulfur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	1 Hour	350	300	250
	24 Hour	105	90	80
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> )	1 Hour	320	300	280
	24 Hour	75	75	70
Ground Level Ozone (O <sub>3</sub> )	1 Hour	200	200	180
	8 Hour	120	120	100
*Carbon Monoxide (CO)	1 Hour	35	35	30
	8 Hour	10	10	10

\*mg/m<sup>3</sup>