



RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIES FOR THE REDUCTION OF 3-MCPD ESTERS, GLYCIDOL ESTERS, MOSH-MOAH AND RELATED COMPOUNDS IN THE PALM OIL INDUSTRY



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Food safety versus food quality

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Take home message



Why is food safety and quality so important for palm oil?

“...The most versatile ingredients for food products...”

89%

of Malaysian palm oil exportation

85%

of palm oil is used in food products

Cooking oil

Specialty fat products

Solid- and semi-solid fat industry

Non-dairy based industry

Snack foods

Supplements

Bakery products



PALM OIL SUPPLY CHAIN

NOTE: Volumes in this infographic are averages.
There is a lot of variation in processing, transport capacity, and ingredient use.

PLANTATION

FRESH FRUIT BUNCH (FFB)

25kg

90 tonnes FFB / hour

200,000 tonnes

200,000 tonnes

45,000 tonnes

200,000 tonnes

REFINERY

FRACTIONATION PLANT

100 tonnes / hour

20% stearin

80% olein

MARGARINE MANUFACTURER

250gr margarine

100gr palm oil

COOKIE MANUFACTURER

250gr cookies

15gr palm oil

MILL

COLLECTION PORT

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Food Safety



Concept of prevention of diseases and health hazards, misuse of food additives, presence of contaminants, and adulteration that could detriment human health

Food Quality



Consumer attributes that influence the value of products



Rationale of food safety compliance



Food is the source of energy and nutrient for us to be healthy and fit

Food safety generally refers to food that will not impose to any health hazards for consumption

Food can be contaminated at any stages of production, distribution and preparation

Food safety is becoming the main criteria for international trade





Food safety challenges in palm oil

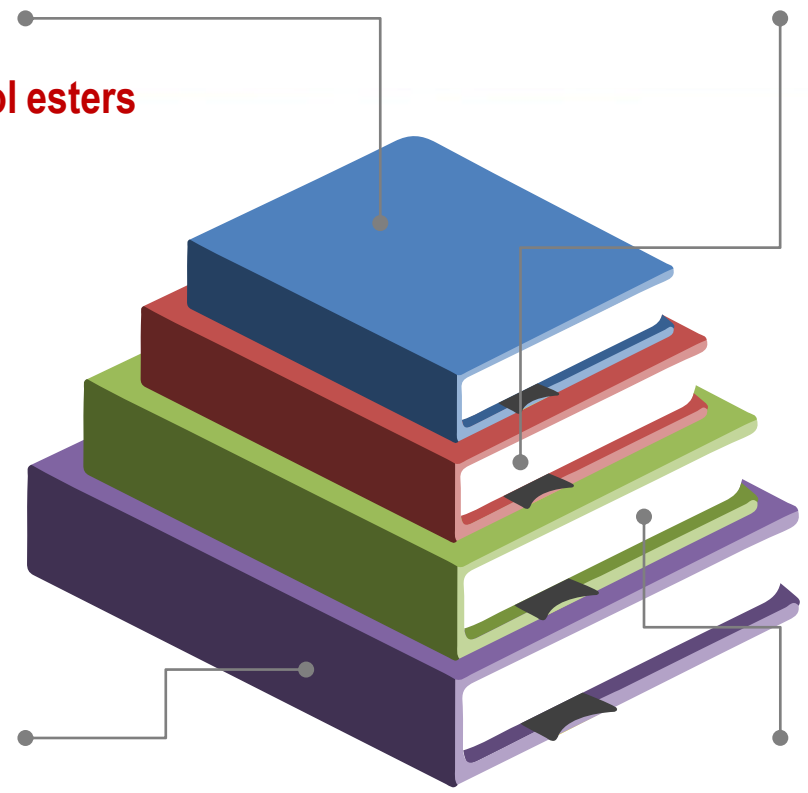
Thermal processes

- * 3-monochloropropane-diol esters
- * Glycidyl esters
- * Acrylamide
- * Trans-fatty acids
- * Polar compound fractions

UNCOMPROMISED SAFETY

Pesticide residues

- * Paraquat
- * Glyphosate
- * Glufosinate ammonium
- * Hexaconazole



Environment

- * Mineral oil hydrocarbons
- * Polyaromatic hydrocarbons
- * Dioxins
- * Polychlorinated biphenyls
- * Chloride
- * Phosphorus
- * Trace elements (Iron and Copper)



Mycotoxins

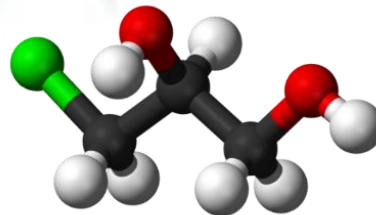
- * Aflatoxins in palm kernel cake



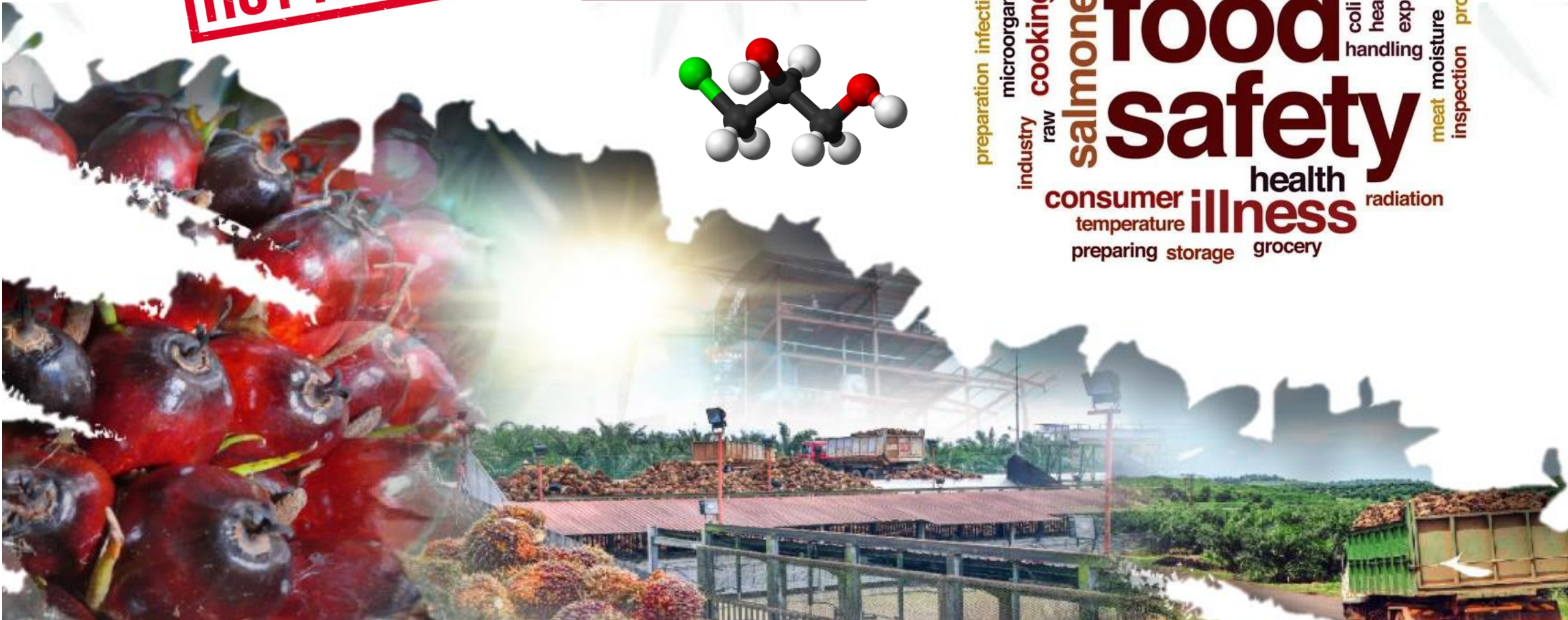
3-monochloropropane-1,2-diol esters

HOT ISSUE

Glycidyl esters



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disease hazards bacteria hygiene
freeze botulism poising
virus kitchen
preparation infection microorganism cooking lab raw salmonella
industry poisoning
coli gmo healthy routines expiration
handling meat moisture inspection processing
health illness radiation
consumer temperature preparing storage grocery



“...In 3 May 2016, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) press released a report that warned of the alleged dangers of contaminants that form during the processing of vegetable oils, particularly **palm oil**...”



Soybean oil is **394 $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$**

Sunflower seed oil is **521 $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$**

Rapeseed oil is **232 $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$**

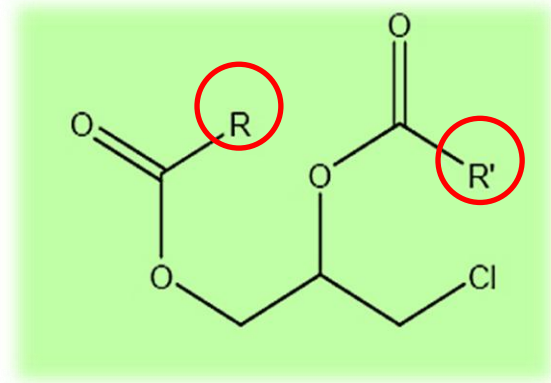
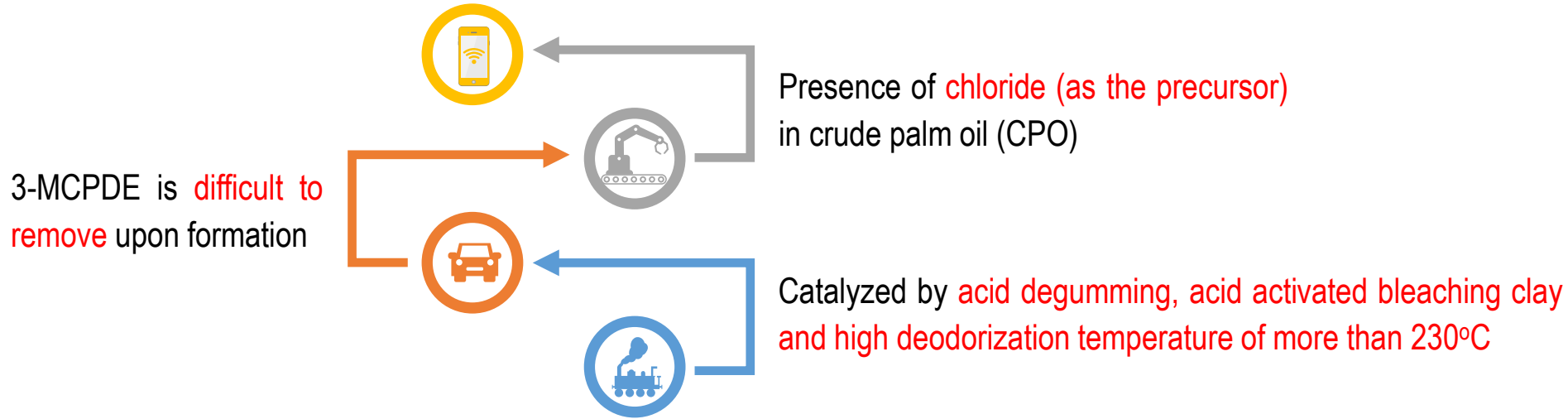
Coconut oil is **608 $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$**

Palm oil / fat is **2,912 $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$**

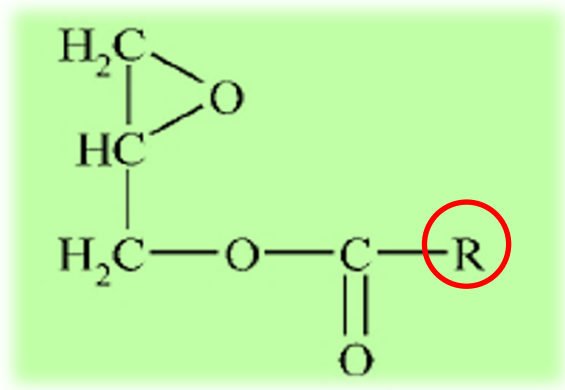
Palm kernel oil is **624 $\mu\text{g kg}^{-1}$**



Factors contributing to 3-MCPDE and GE in palm oil



3-MCPDE



GE

Ensure CPO has **low acidity (less than 4%)** and DAG (~3%)

Remove via **post-refining** at lower temperature (230°C)



GE is developed from **diacylglycerols (DAG)** during refining between 260 and 270°C

GE is **correlated** with DAG content

Enter into force on
19th March 2018

COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2018/290

of 26 February 2018

amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels of glycidyl fatty acid esters in vegetable oils and fats, infant formula, follow-on formula and foods for special medical purposes intended for infants and young children



COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2020/1322

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amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 as regards maximum levels of 3-monochloropropanediol (3-MCPD), 3-MCPD fatty acid esters and glycidyl fatty acid esters in certain foods

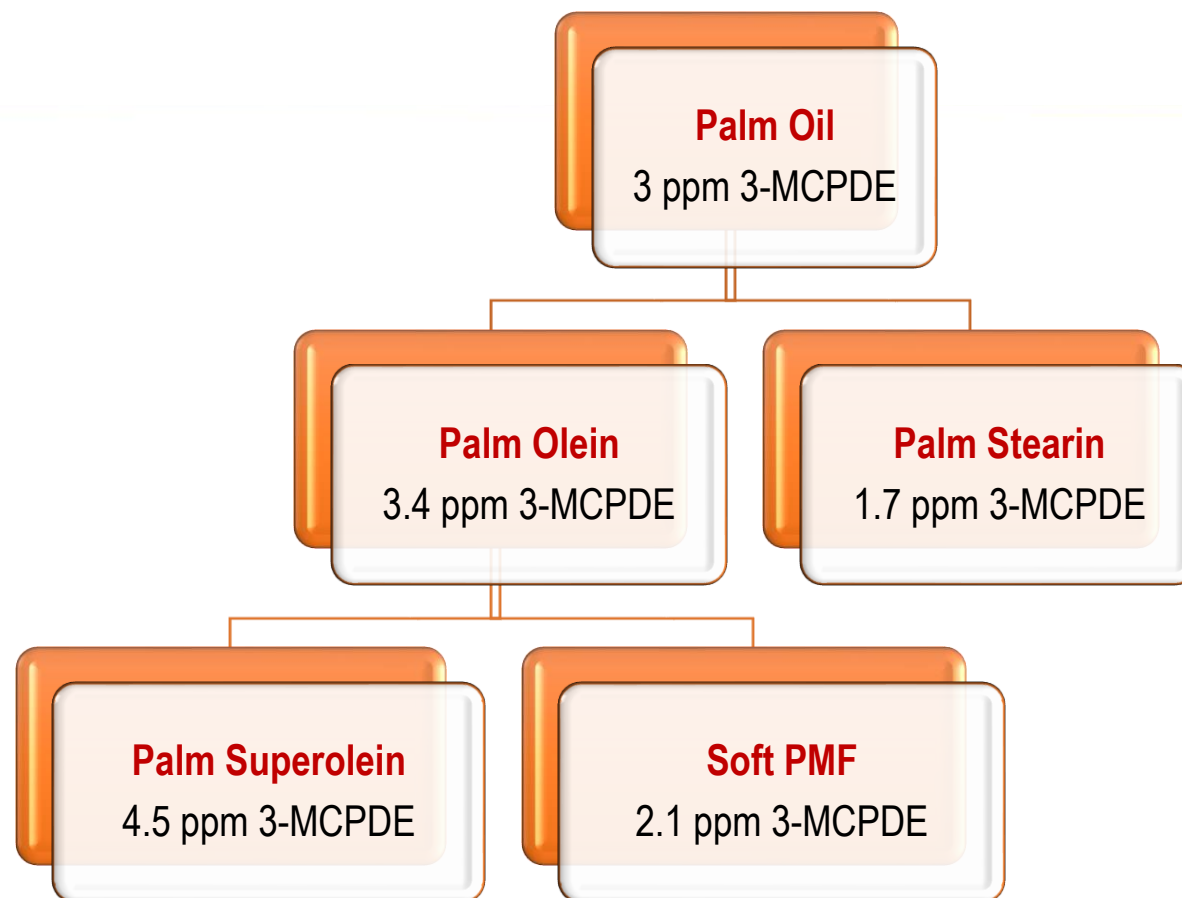
Enter into force on
1st January 2021

Item 4.2	Foodstuffs	Maximum GE
4.2.1	Vegetable oils and fats placed on the market for the final consumer or for use as an ingredient in food with the exception of the foods referred to item 4.2.2	1 ppm
Item 4.3	Foodstuffs	Maximum 3-MCPDE
4.3.1	<p>Vegetable oils and fats, fish oils and oils from other marine organisms placed on the market for the final consumer or for use as an ingredient in food falling within the following categories, with the exception of the foods referred to in [2] and of virgin olive oils and fats from coconut, maize, rapeseed, sunflower, soybean, palm kernel and olive oils (composed of refined olive oil and virgin olive oil) (and mixtures of oils and fats with oils and fats only from this category)</p> <p>Other vegetable oils (including pomace olive oils), fish oils and oils from other marine organisms and mixtures of oils and fats with oils and fats only from this category</p> <p>Mixtures of oils and fats from the two above mentioned categories</p>	<p>1.25 ppm</p> <p>2.5 ppm</p> <p>2.5 ppm</p>

Distribution of 3-MCPDE in palm oil and its fractions

“...Partitioning of 3-MCPDE is higher in liquid portions regardless to fractionation stage...”

Palm Oil	Palm Olein	Superolein
1.00 ppm	1.16 ppm	1.53 ppm
0.65 ppm	0.76 ppm	1.00 ppm
0.81 ppm	0.95 ppm	1.25 ppm
1.63 ppm	1.90 ppm	2.50 ppm
1.08 ppm	1.25 ppm	-
2.16 ppm	2.50 ppm	-



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Levels of 3-MCPDE and GE in cooking oils from local stores

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Verification and evaluation of monochloropropanediol (MCPD) esters and glycidyl esters in palm oil products of different regions in Malaysia

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ABSTRACT
 This study was conducted to investigate on the effect of different sampling regions of palm refined oils and fats on the 2- and 3-monochloropropanediol fatty acid esters (MCPDE) and glycidyl fatty acid esters (GE) levels. The American Oil Chemists' Society (AOCS) Official Method Cd 29a-13 on the determination of MCPDE and GE in edible oils and fats by acid transesterification was successfully verified and optimised, with slight modification using 7890A Agilent GC system equipped with 5975C quadrupole detector. The determined limits of detection (LOD) for MCPDE were 0.02 mg kg⁻¹ and 0.05 mg kg⁻¹ for GE. The method performance has showed good recovery between 80% and 120% for all pertinent compounds with seven replicates assayed in three separate days. Round robin test with two European laboratories, i.e. Eurofins and SGS, has shown compliance results with those of the present study. Among the sampling regions, only one refinery located in the central region of Malaysia showed a significant increment of the MCPDE and GE levels after refining process. The GE level averaging at 2.5 mg kg⁻¹ was slightly higher than that of 3-MCPDE averaging at 1.3 mg kg⁻¹. Both esters were preferentially partitioned into the liquid phase rather than the solid phase after fractionation. However, the overall results exhibited no direct correlation between the esters content and the different sampling locations of the palm oil products in Malaysia. Analysis of total chlorine content also displayed significant variations between sampling locations which clearly show its effect on the chlorine content in the CPO samples.

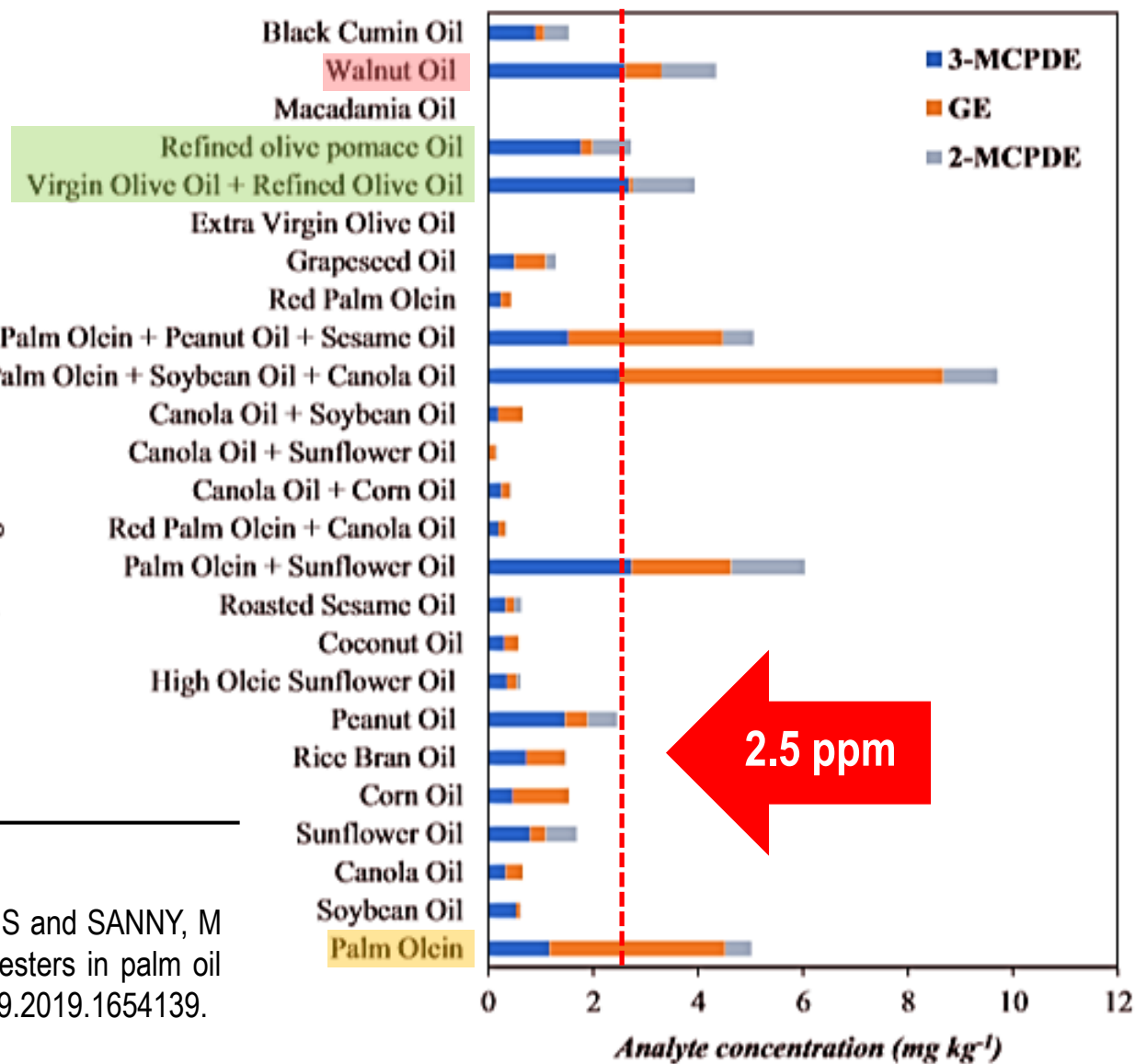
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Introduction
 Production of vegetable oils mainly involves three processes comprising of milling, refining and fractionation. These processes principally remove components such as oxidation products, free fatty acids (FFAs), phospholipids, pigments, trace metals and other impurities (Ramil et al. 2011). However, food processing contaminants such as 3-monochloropropane-1,2-diol fatty acid esters (3-MCPDE) and glycidyl fatty acid esters (GE) are formed due to high deodorisation temperature at the refining stage. The 3-MCPDE were initially found in foods (Divinova et al. 2004; Svejtkovska et al. 2004), and later 3-MCPDE and GE were detected in all refined vegetable oils at different concentration levels (Zelinková et al. 2006; Kushairi et al. 2018). The mechanism of 3-MCPDE formation was suggested to be linked to the preliminary heat treatment of the oilseeds and oil refining process (Razak et al. 2012). In relation to toxicological evaluation, there are still insufficient human studies to conclude the possible effects of long term 3-MCPDE and GE exposure at different concentrations (Kushairi et al. 2018). However, there are many animal studies have been carried out as reported by the European Food Safety Authority Knutsen et al. (2018). Most of the animal studies were conducted on rats of which the kidney and the testis were the main target organs for the free 3-MCPD. With regards to regulations, the European Commission (EC) has established a maximum level of GE at 1.0 mg kg⁻¹ for vegetable oils and fats and

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Cooking oils



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Mitigation of 3-MCPDE and GE across palm oil supply chain

Mitigation Approaches



Plantations

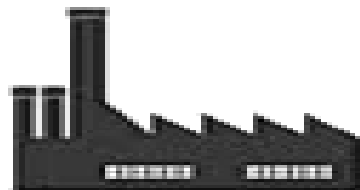


Reduce chlorine in FFB by alternative fertilisers

Reduce DAG in PO by ensuring milling within 48 hours



Mills



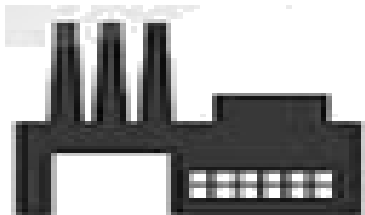
Wash FFB to remove chlorine precursor

FFB sterilisation with steam without chlorine

Segregate secondary oils from mixing with fresh CPO



Refineries



Use natural bleaching earth

Lower deodorisation temperature to less 230°C at vacuum pressure of 1 mbar

3-MCPDE

GE



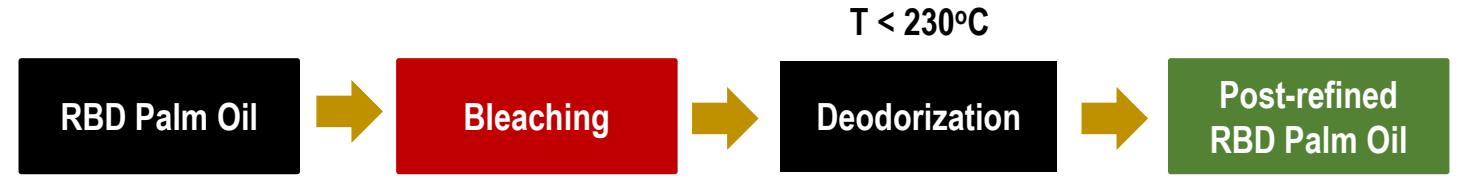
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■ Source of chloride ■ Formation of 3-MCPDE and GE ■ Reduction of GE

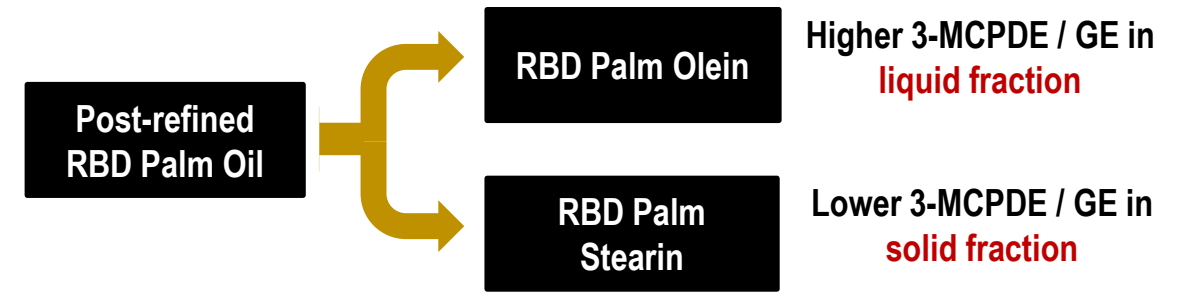
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POST-REFINING



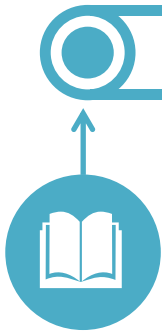
FRACTIONATION





MPOB research and activities associated to 3-MCPDE and GE

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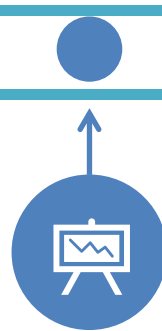
Research initiation on 3-MCPDE in refined palm oil at laboratory and pilot scales

2010



Adopt and establish the analysis of 3-MCPDE following BfR Method 008

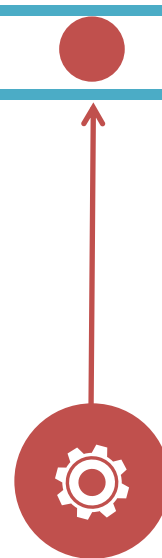
2011 - 2013



Conduct surveys on commercial palm oil products and other cooking oils

Extensive pilot plant trials for the mitigation of 3-MCPDE during palm oil refining

2014



Adopt and establish the analysis of 3-MCPDE and GE using AOCS Method Cd 29a

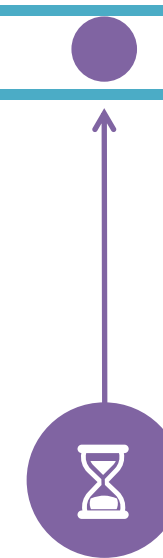
2016 - 2018



Identify the potential technology providers to team up with the industry in mitigating 3-MCPDE and GE

Industrial trials at the selected mills and refineries to lowering TCC in CPO, and/or 3-MCPDE and GE in processed PO

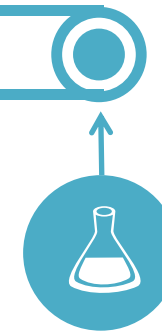
2019 - 2020



Industry engagements, discussions, forums

New low-cost system to remove TCC in CPO

2021 - 2022



Initiate trials on low-cost system at different mills

New low-cost system to remove TCC in CPO

MPOB Pilot Trials

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Washing of CPO can reduce the formation of 3-MCPDE

FFA and DAG are not directly correlated to 3-MCPDE formation

High deodorisation temperature led to high formation of the 3-MCPDE

Acid degumming followed by bleaching causes formation of 3-MCPDE in bleached oil

Research grants on the mitigation of 3-MCPDE and GE



Research Fund from Malaysian Government

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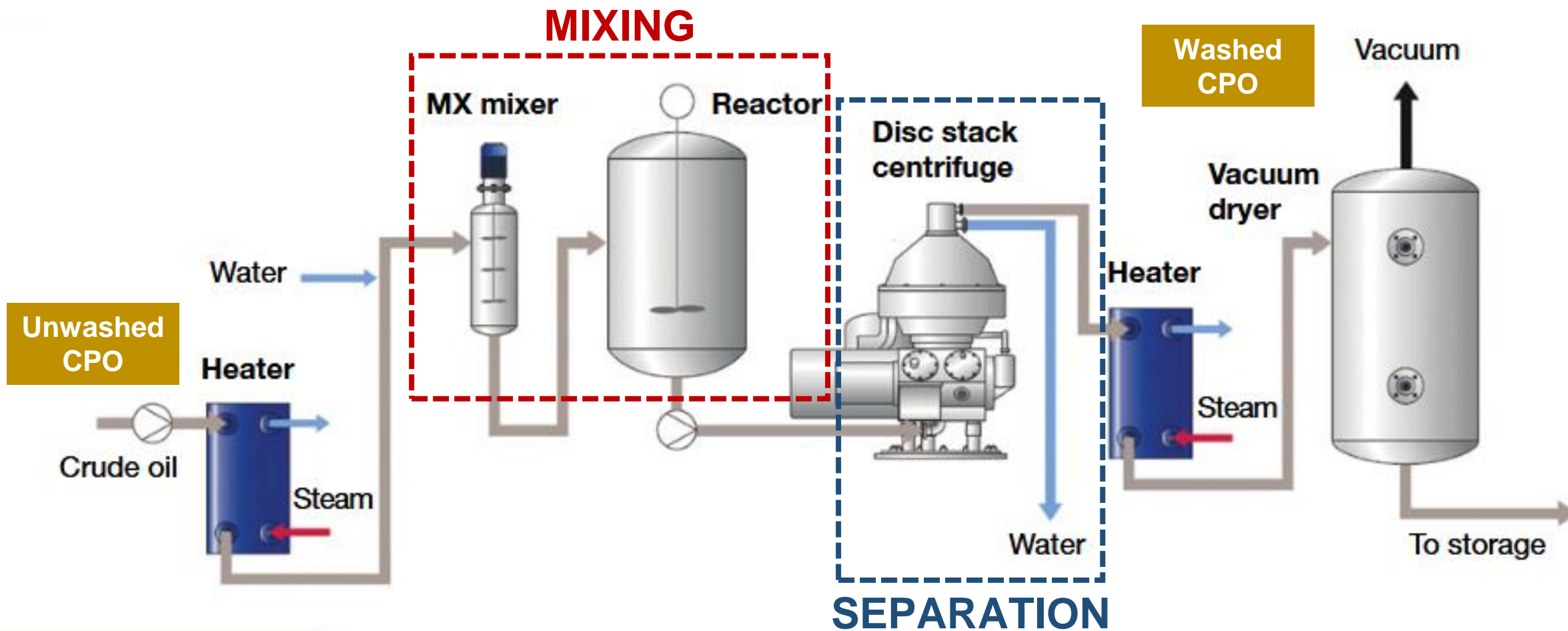
Malaysian Government has allocated substantial amount of research grant for strategizing the mitigation of 3-MCPDE and GE at the mills and refineries

- Chloride removal in CPO at the mills and refineries
- Process to reduce the level of 3-MCPDE and GE at the refineries

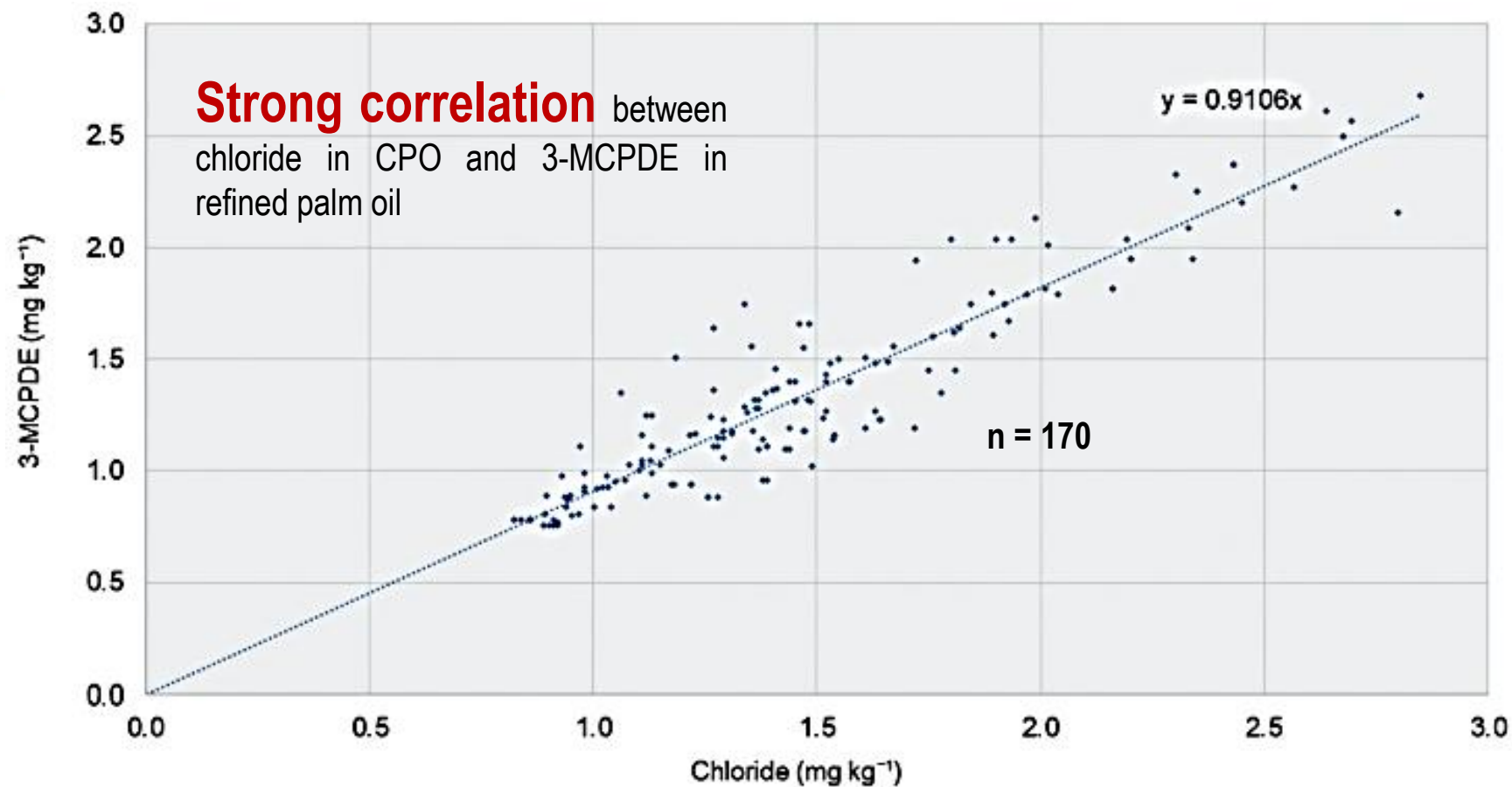
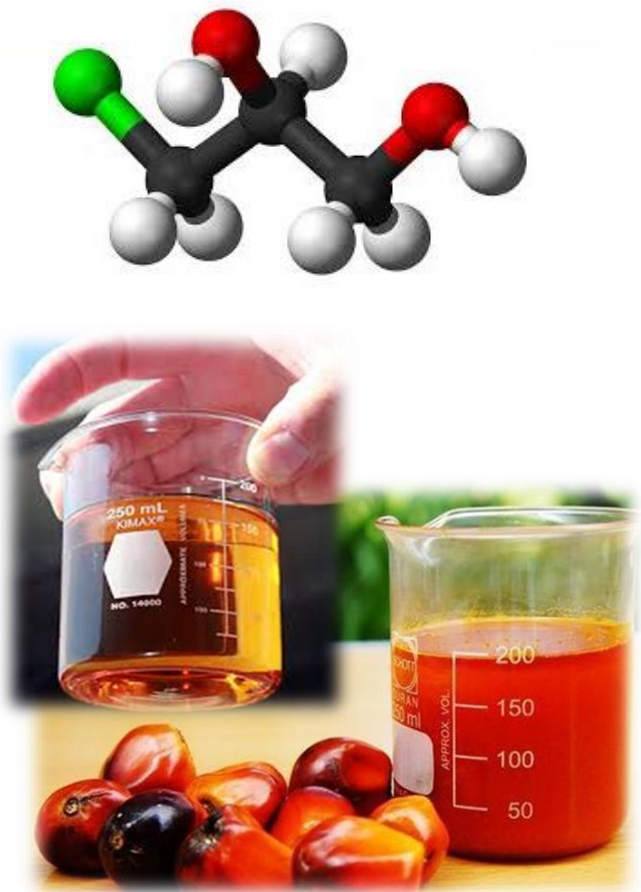
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Typical flowchart of commercial CPO washing system



Correlation between 3-MCPDE and chloride content

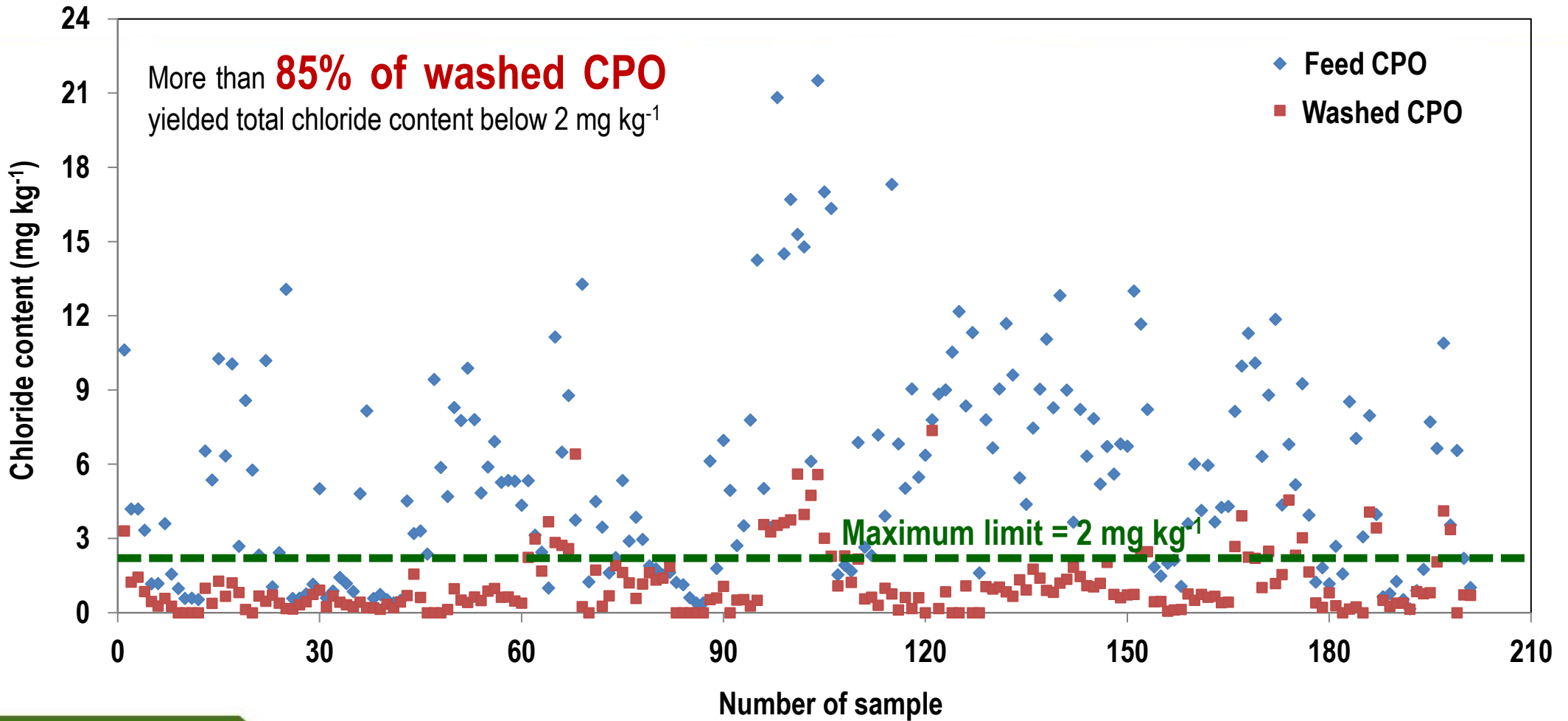


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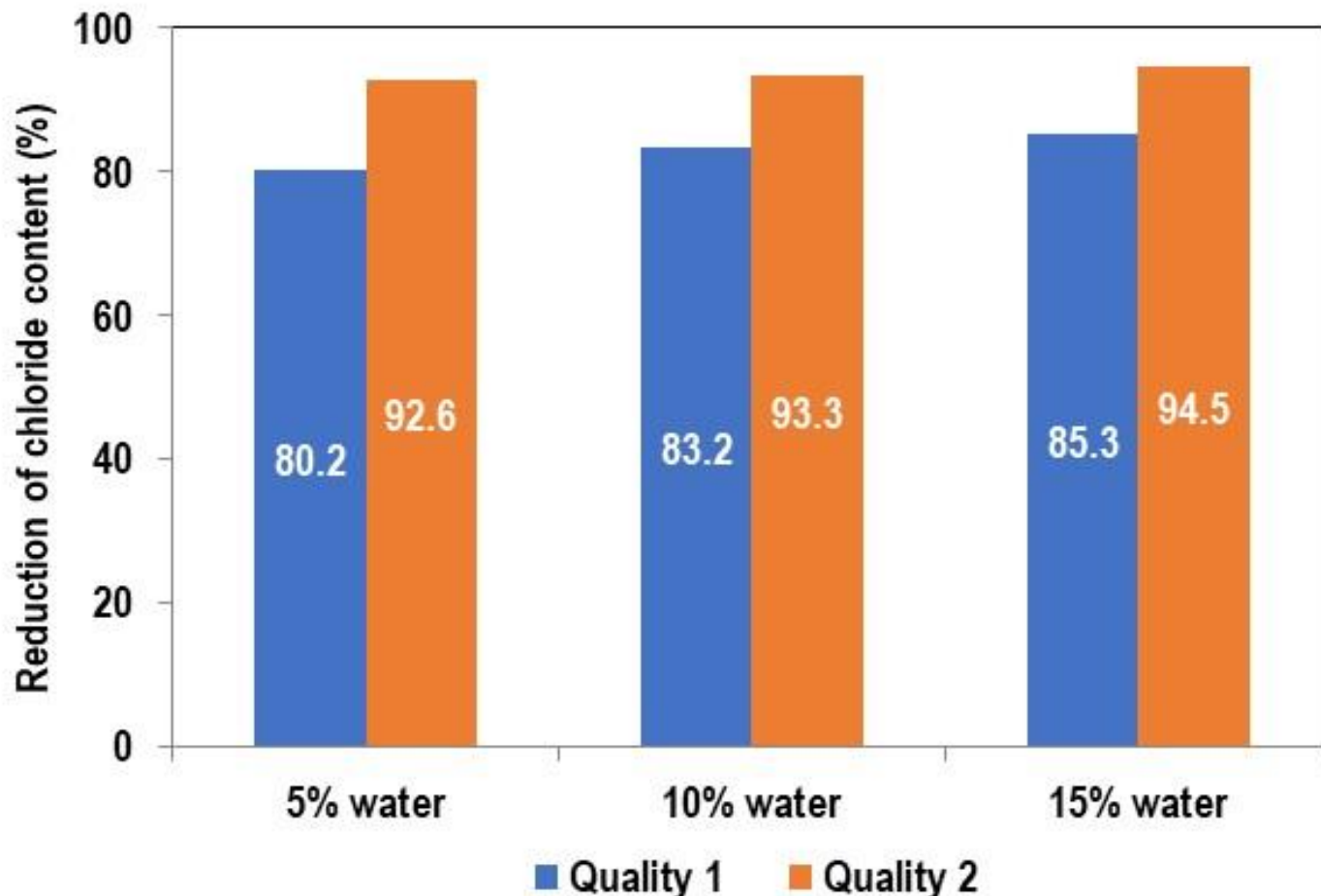


Chloride removal in CPO using conventional washing plant





Chloride removal at different water dosage and CPO quality



Parameters	Crude Palm Oil	
	Quality 1	Quality 2
FFA (%)	4.3	3.8
M&I (%)	0.234	0.125
DOBI	2.25	2.58
PV (meq O ₂ kg ⁻¹)	2.1	0.8

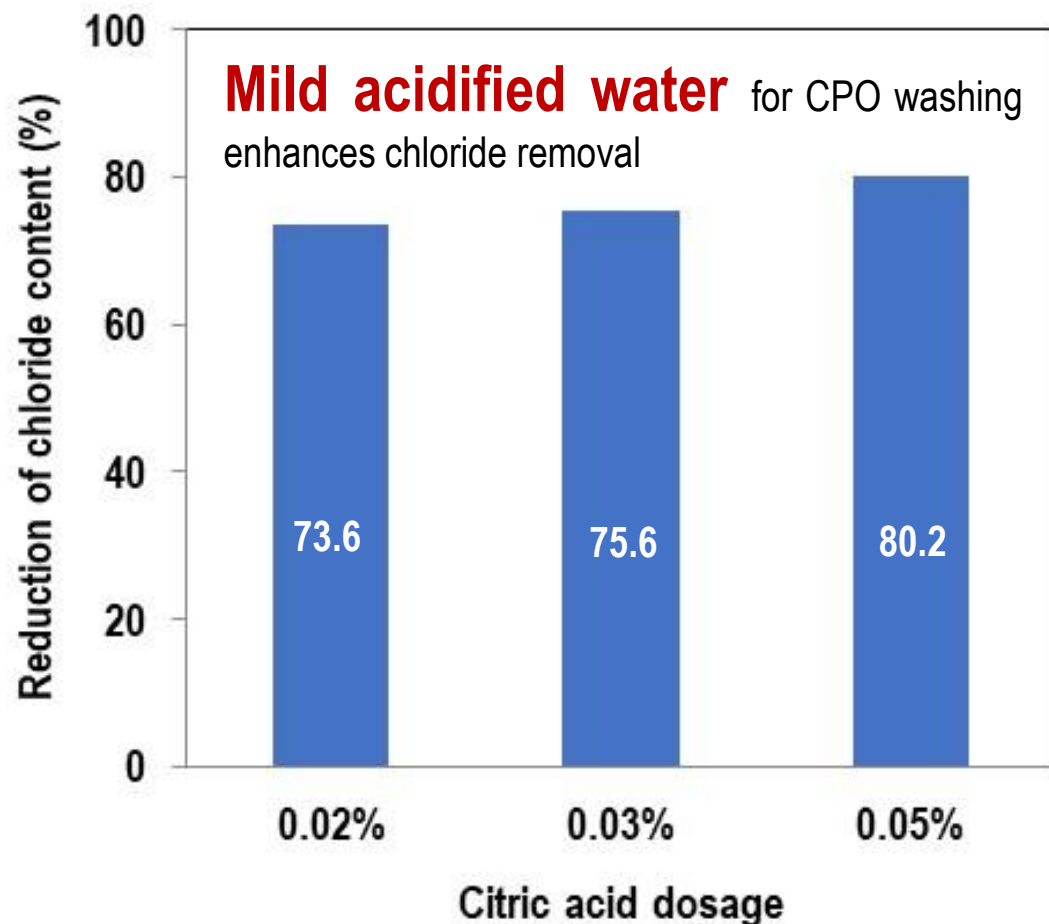
Increase in water dosage

marginally improves the reduction of chloride content

Quality of crude palm oil

significantly impacting the removal rate of chloride content

Acidification of CPO wash water for chloride removal at refinery



Parameters	Unwashed CPO	Washed CPO
FFA (%)	4.2 ± 0.3	4.1 ± 0.3
Impurities (%)	0.045 ± 0.004	0.010 ± 0.004
DOBI	2.3 ± 0.1	2.4 ± 0.1
PV (meq O ₂ kg ⁻¹)	2.1 ± 0.7	2.1 ± 0.7
p-anisidine value (unit)	3.4 ± 0.7	2.0 ± 0.7
Iron (mg kg ⁻¹)	5.1 ± 0.7	4.2 ± 0.5
Phosphorus (mg kg⁻¹)	15.6 ± 0.9	11.9 ± 0.7
Chloride content (mg kg⁻¹)	7.6 ± 0.9	2.0 ± 0.2
3-MCPDE in PPO (mg kg⁻¹)	4.5 ± 1.3	1.2 ± 0.1

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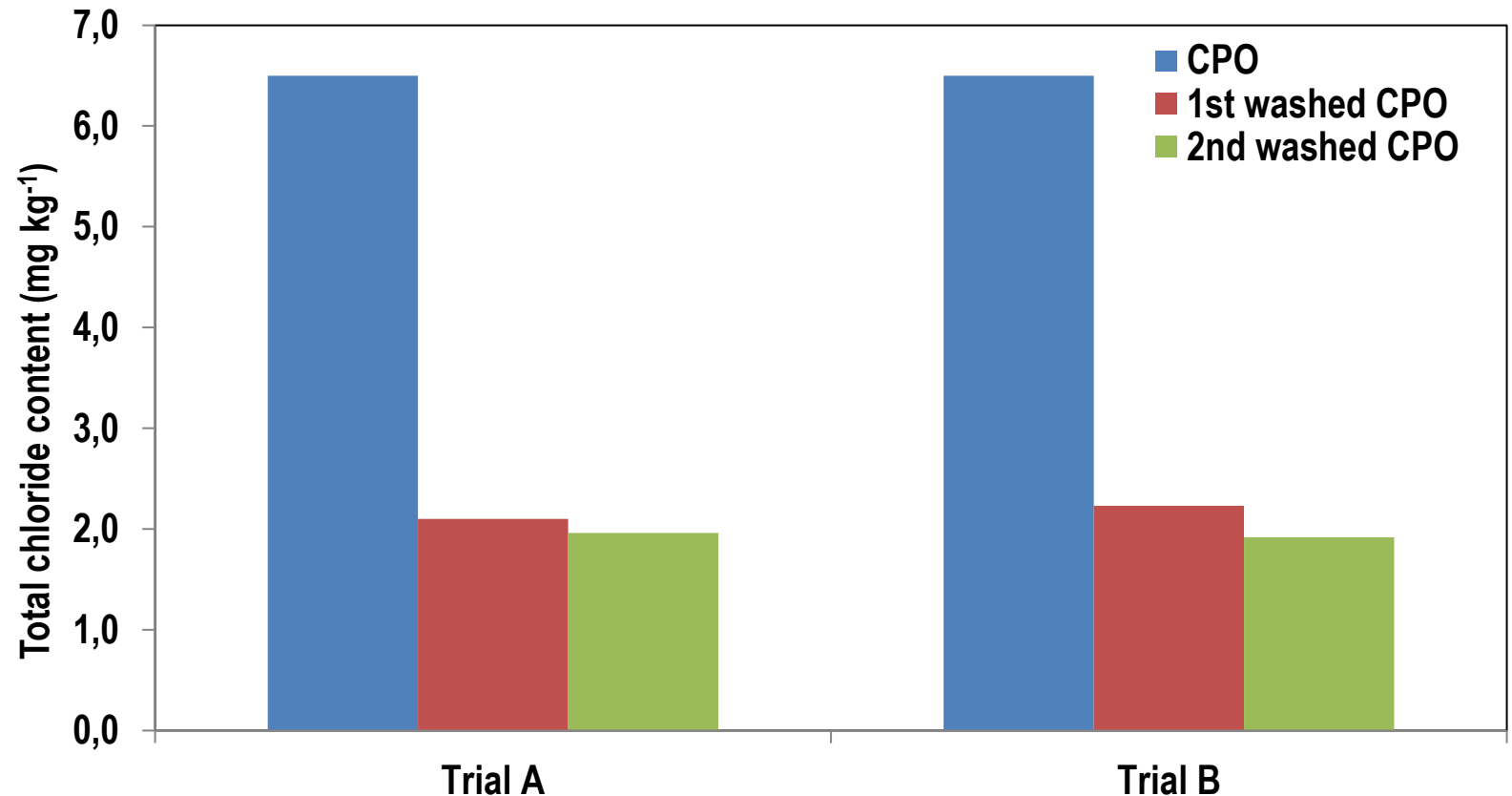


Double CPO washing for chloride removal at refinery

Chloride removal from 66% to 68% of after 1st CPO washing

Further chloride removal from 7% to 14% after 2nd CPO washing

Phosphorus removal from 47% to 68% after CPO washing



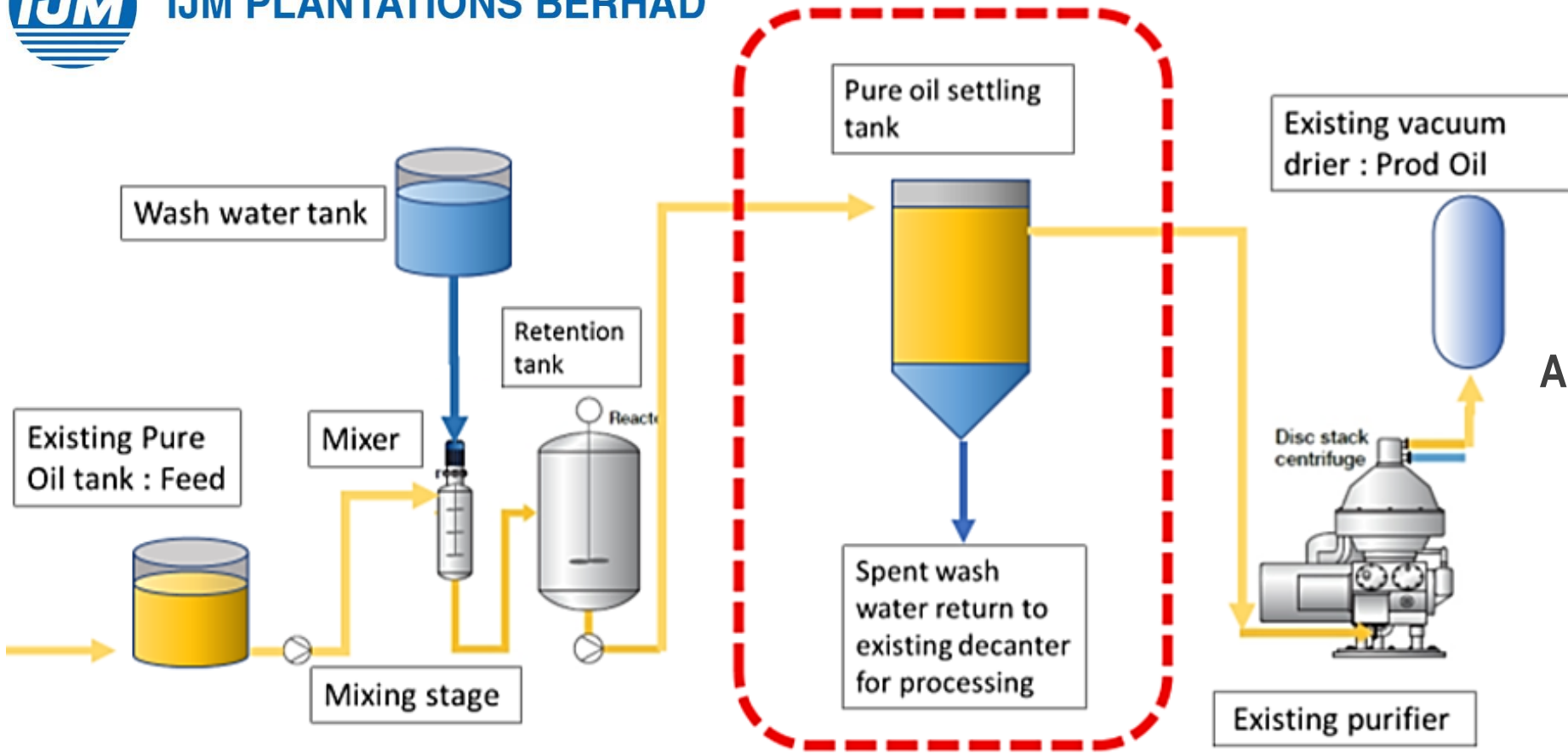


Innovation of low-cost CPO washing system at the mill



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Replacement of separator in typical CPO washing system



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An Oil-Water Separation System

Project site

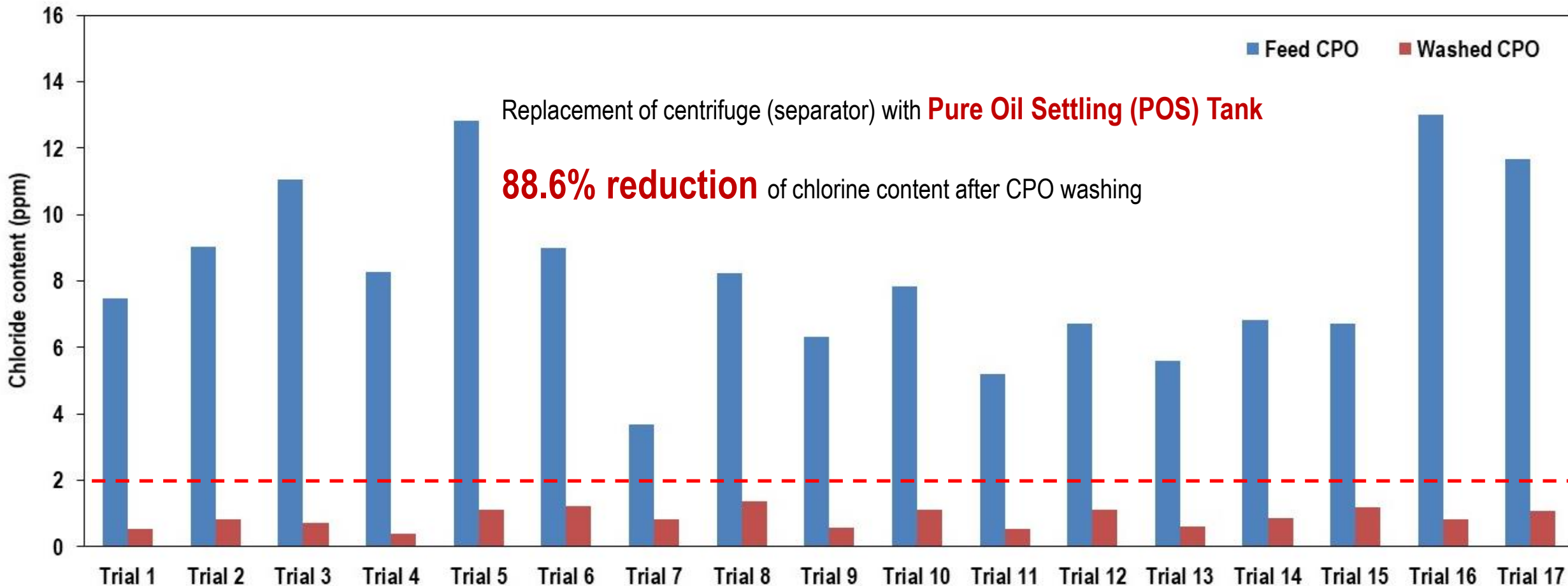
Desa Talisai Palm Oil Mill, Sandakan

Mill capacity

12 MT CPO h⁻¹ or 60 MT FFB⁻¹

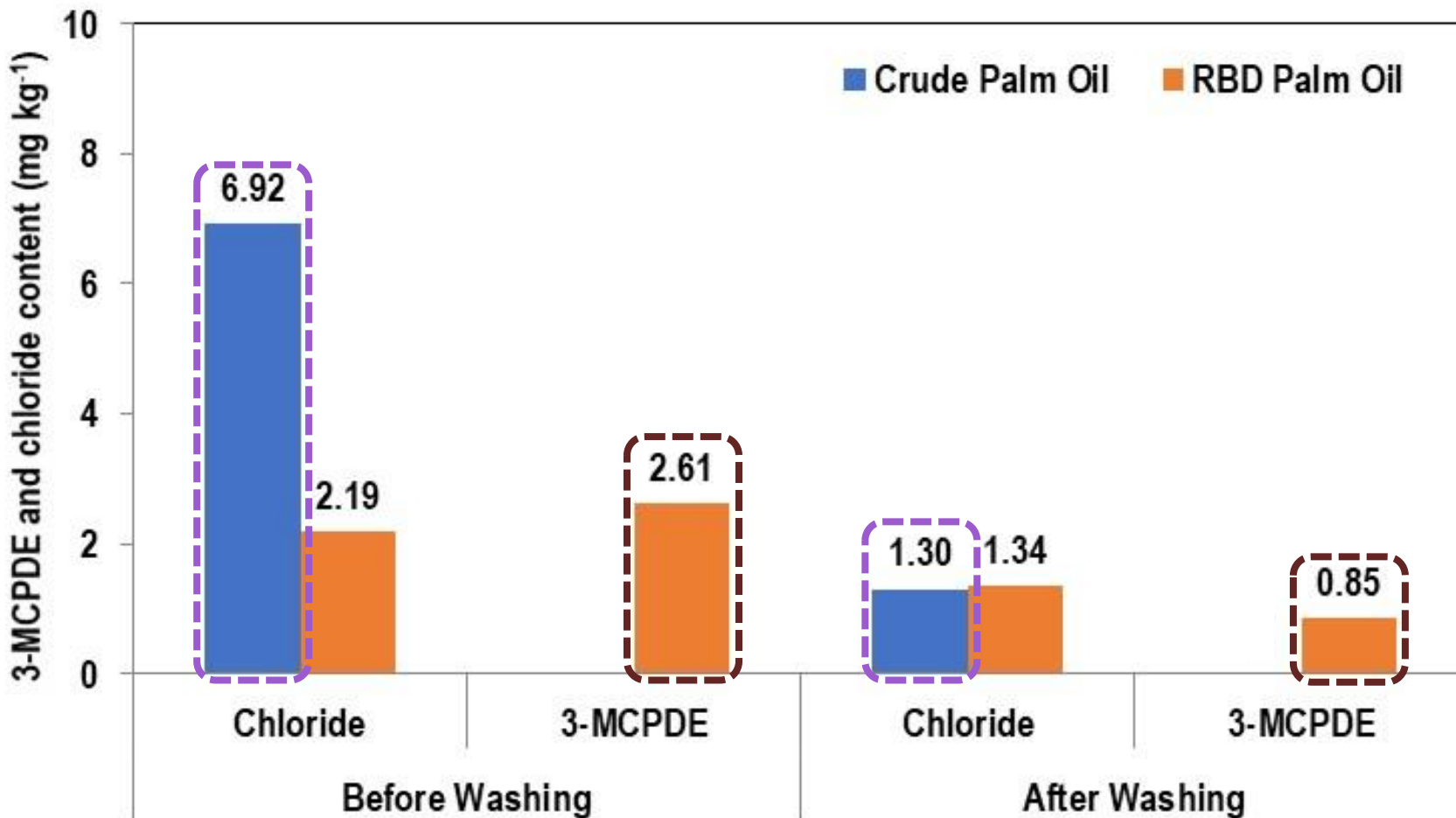


Chloride removal in CPO using an Oil-Water Separation System





Chloride removal through CPO washing at the mill

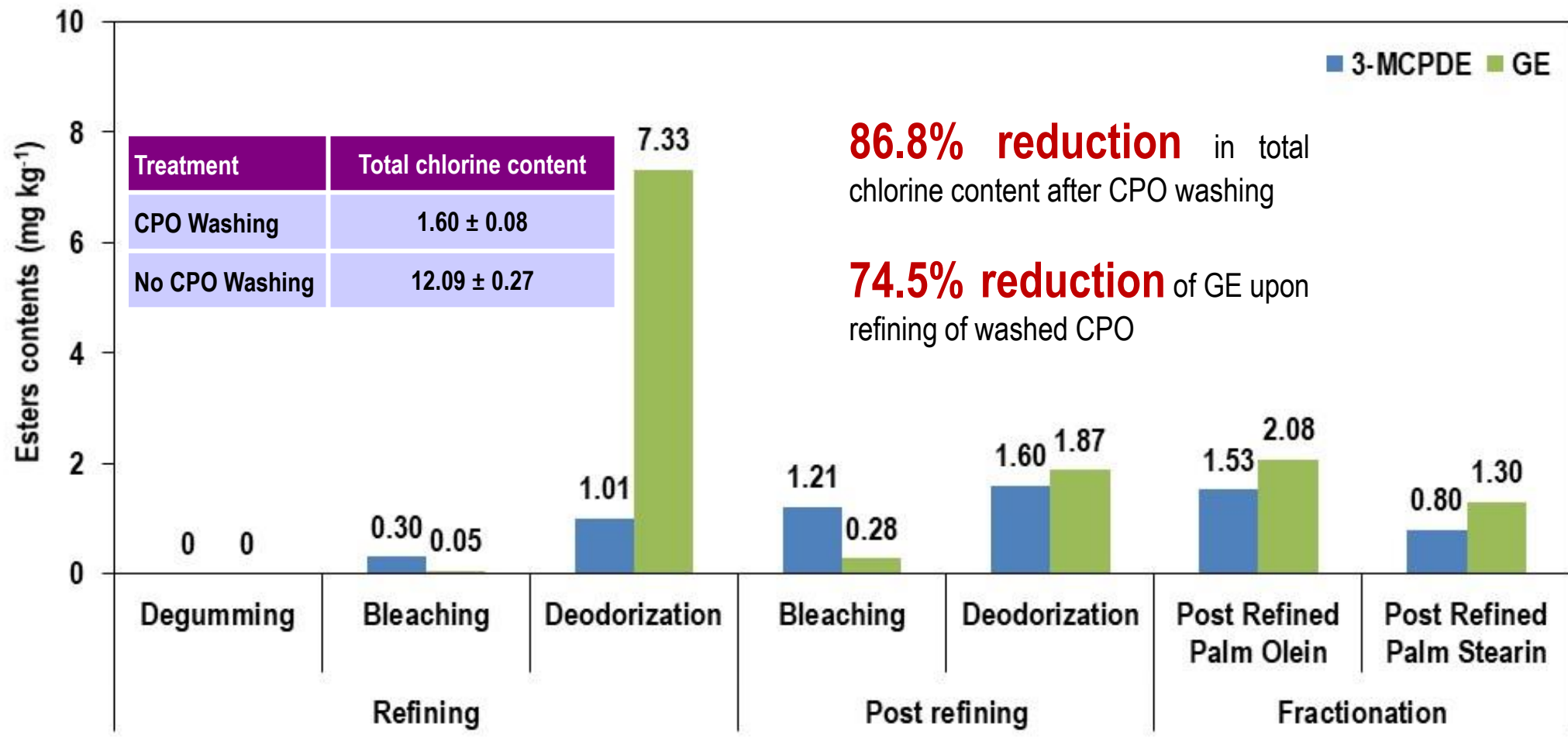


81.2% reduction in total chlorine content after CPO washing

67.4% reduction in 3-MCPDE upon refining of washed CPO

- ★ CPO washing at Commercial Mill
- ★ RBDPO from washed and unwashed CPO using lab-scale glass refining

CPO washing and refining on 3-MCPDE and GE



* CPO washing at Commercial Mill

** Refining, post-refining at fractionation of **washed CPO** at Commercial Refinery



Dual deodorisation and post refining for 3-MCPDE and GE reduction

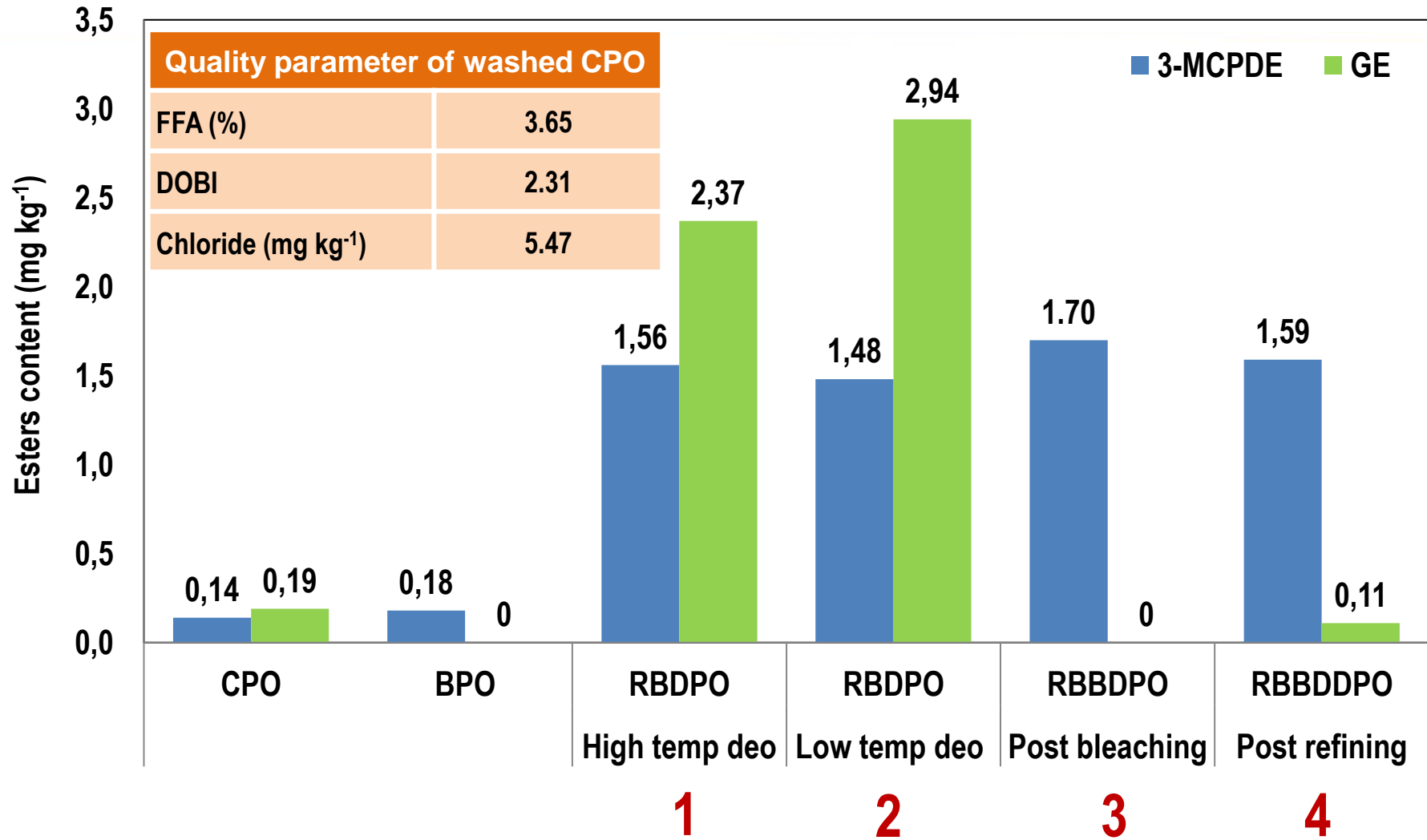
Insignificant difference

in 3-MCPDE when applying dual deodorisation and post refining

Significant reduction

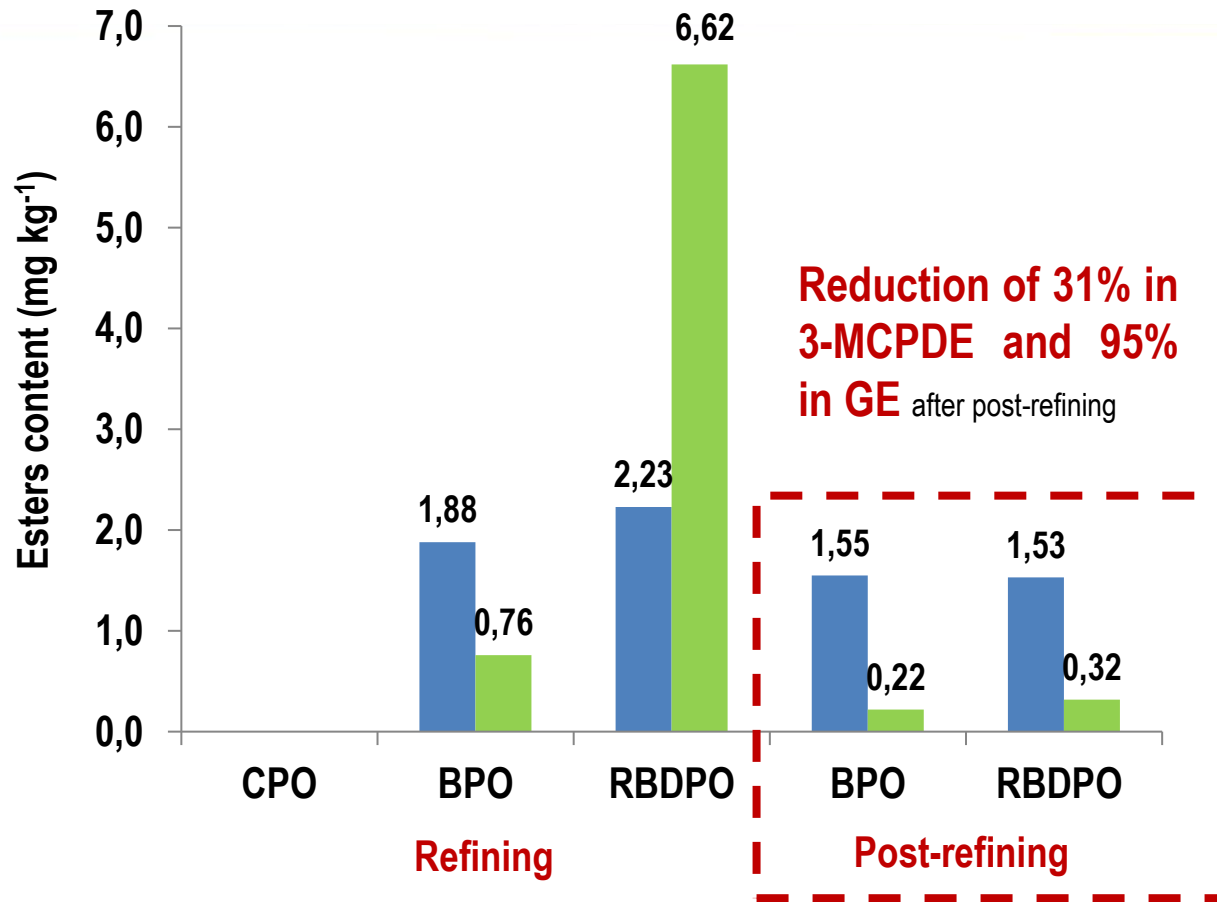
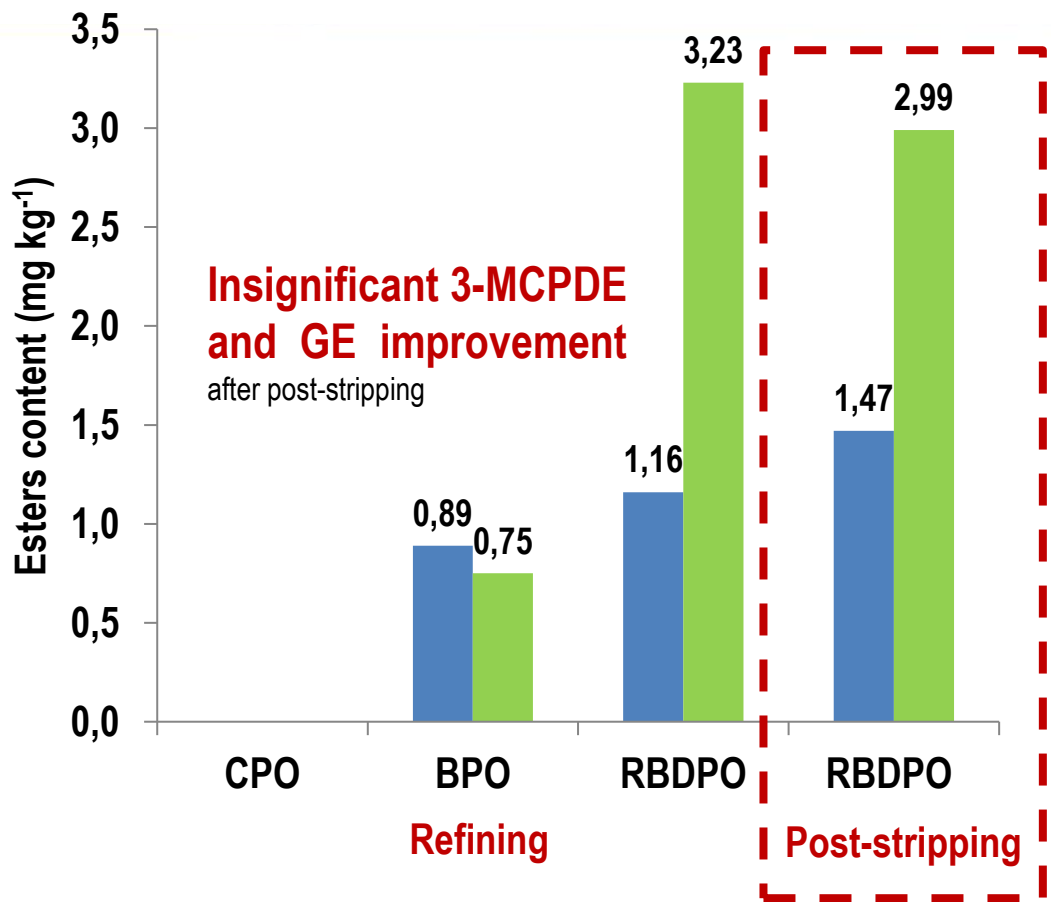
in GE when applying dual deodorisation and post refining

RBDPO from unwashed CPO	
3-MCPDE (mg kg ⁻¹)	2.8 to 3.7
GE (mg kg ⁻¹)	3.4 to 6.0





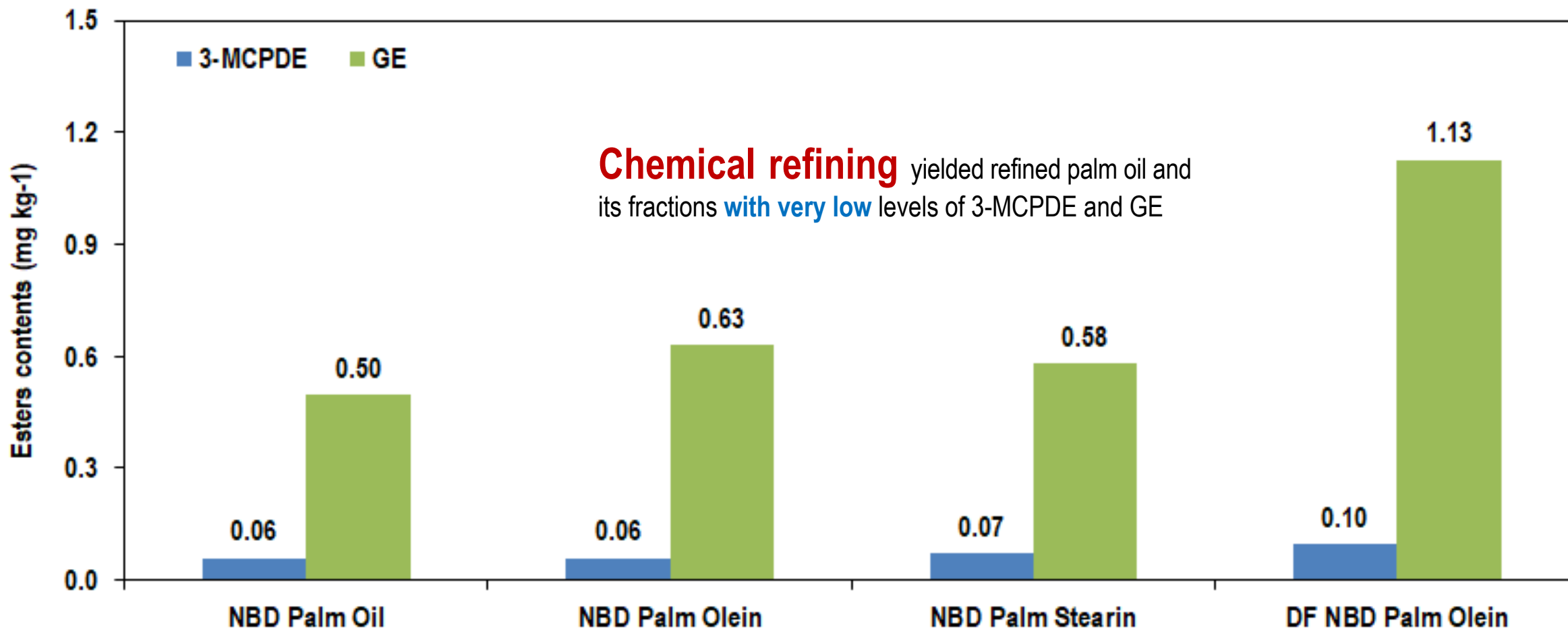
Post-refining versus post-stripping for 3-MCPDE and GE removal



■ 3-MCPDE ■ GE



Chemical refining on 3-MCPDE and GE content in palm oil





Involvement in Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food (CCCF)

CODEX Alimentarius Commission (CAC) 40 on 17 to 22 July 2017 has approved the new work on Code of Practice (COP) for the reduction of 3-MCPDE and GE in refined oils and products made from refined oils especially infant formula

Establishment of the Electronic Working Group (eWG) is chaired by USA and co-chaired by EU and Malaysia

CCCF 12 (12 to 16 March 2018) adopted the COP at Step 5 and approved by CAC 41 (2 to 6 July 2018) in Rome, Italy

CCCF 13 (29 April to 3 May 2019) in Yogyakarta adopted the COP at Step 8

CAC 42 (8 to 12 July 2019) approved the COP in Geneva, Switzerland



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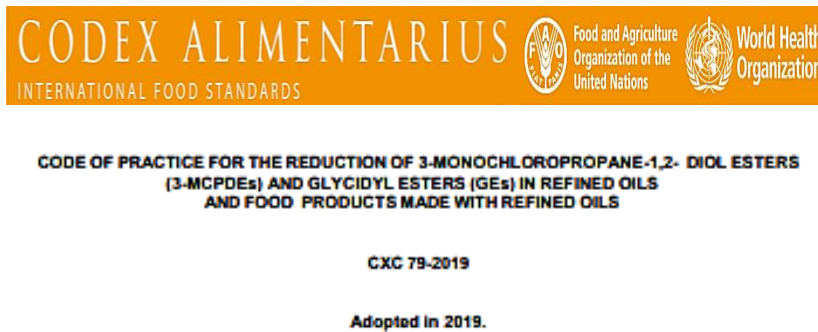
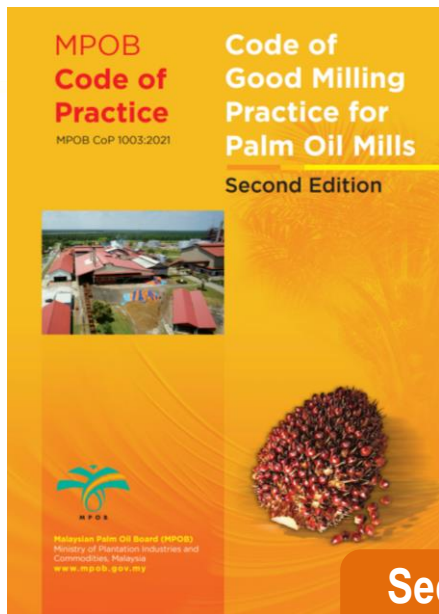
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DRAFT CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE REDUCTION OF 3-MONOCHLOROPROPANE-1,2-DIOL ESTERS (3-MCPDE) AND GLYCIDYL ESTERS (GE) IN REFINED OILS AND FOOD PRODUCTS MADE WITH REFINED OILS

CCCF will **POSSIBLY PROPOSE** the NWIP on the maximum limits for 3-MCPDE and GE in 2022



Revision of MPOB Code of Good Milling Practice for Palm Oil Mills



Minimum certification requirement for food premises by the Ministry of Health Malaysia

Second edition is now available from Q2 2022

Strengthening of **MPOB Code of Good Milling Practice for Palm Oil Mills** coincides with *Code of Practice for the Reduction 3-monochloropropane-1,2-diol Ester (3-MCPDE) and Glycidyl Esters (GE) in Refined Oils and Products Made from Refined Oils Especially for Infant Formula and Makanan Selamat Tanggungjawab Industri (MeSTI)* scheme as part of elements in **MSPO certification**

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METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF TOTAL CHLORIDE CONTENT IN EDIBLE OILS

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ABSTRACT

Edible oils are important component of food products and have to meet with food safety requirements. However, a group of compounds called chloropropanols has been detected in edible oils which have compromised its safety. The precursor for these compounds is chloride. The chlorinated compounds can be in the form of organic or inorganic contaminants. The growing importance of chemical measurements for this entity has greatly pressured the method development to improve the quality of analytical results and to guarantee quality to the end users. In this work, a method for the determination of total chloride (TC) in edible oils was validated. The analysis of samples was performed by a combination of combustion and titration process using a Total Chloride Analyser (TCA). The results showed good linearity in the range of 0.5 to 20.0 $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$, with the correlation coefficient (R^2) of more than 0.999. The average recoveries of TC evaluated at three spike levels were 80% to 105% with relative standard deviations (RSD) of less than 10%. The limit of detection (LOD) and limit of quantification (LOQ) were 0.03 and 0.10 $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$, respectively. The results indicated that this method could be used for routine analysis of TC in edible oils.

Keywords: chloropropanols, combustion, edible oils, titration, total chloride.

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INTRODUCTION

Edible oils are important ingredients in most food products. However, the presence of chloropropanols has been a major food safety issues in the processed edible oils. The chloropropanols detected are 3-monochloropropane-1,2-diol esters (3-MCPDE) and 2-monochloropropane-1,3-diol esters (2-MCPDE). They are a group of food processed contaminants formed from acylglycerols and

chlorides during the refining process of edible oils. Glycidyl esters (GE) are mainly formed during the deodorisation step in the refining process of edible oils and therefore occur in almost all refined edible oils (Smidrkal *et al.*, 2016).

Studies have shown that 3-MCPDE is formed in oils during deodorisation, which is performed at temperatures up to 270°C. Chemically, 3-monochloropropane-1,2-diol (3-MCPD) is a glycerol chlorohydrin formed when one hydroxyl group in a glycerol molecule is replaced by a chlorine atom. The single positional isomer, 2-chloropropane-1,3-diol (2-MCPD) and the two enantiomers of 3-MCPD are formed when -OH is replaced by -Cl at the sn-1 or sn-3 positions on the glycerol backbone (Figure 1) (Hamlet and Sadd, 2002).

The presence of 2-MCPDE, 3-MCPDE and GE in the diet is a potential health concern since these esters are hydrolysed by enzymes in the

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Designation: D 4929 – 04

An American National Standard

Standard Test Methods for Determination of Organic Chloride Content in Crude Oil¹

TEST METHOD B—COMBUSTION AND MICROCOULOMETRY

18. Apparatus

18.1 Combustion Furnace—The sample specimen is to be oxidized in an electric furnace capable of maintaining a temperature of 800°C to oxidize the organic matrix.

18.2 Combustion Tube—Fabricated from quartz and constructed so a sample, which is vaporized completely in the inlet section, is swept into the oxidation zone by an inert gas where it mixes with oxygen and is burned. The inlet end of the tube shall hold a septum for syringe entry of the sample and side arms for the introduction of oxygen and inert gases. The center section is to be of sufficient volume to ensure complete oxidation of the sample.



TCC in crude and refined palm oil, and commercial cooking oils

No	Samples	Total chloride ($\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$) (mean \pm SD)
1	Crude palm oil	6.86 \pm 0.49
2	Crude palm oil	4.51 \pm 0.51
3	Crude palm oil	5.67 \pm 1.08
4	Crude palm oil	3.91 \pm 0.32
5	Crude palm oil	2.26 \pm 0.29
6	Crude palm oil	4.91 \pm 1.01
7	Crude palm oil	2.88 \pm 0.58
8	Crude palm oil	3.21 \pm 0.52
9	Crude palm oil	4.73 \pm 1.51
10	Crude palm oil	8.16 \pm 0.93
11	Crude palm oil	3.97 \pm 1.18
12	Crude palm oil	3.53 \pm 0.62
13	Crude palm oil	1.92 \pm 0.33
14	Crude palm oil	4.85 \pm 0.81
15	Crude palm oil	2.31 \pm 0.48
16	Crude palm oil	2.91 \pm 0.32
17	Refined palm oil	0.41 \pm 0.12
18	Refined palm oil	1.01 \pm 0.15
19	Refined palm oil	0.75 \pm 0.12
20	Refined palm oil	0.66 \pm 0.09

No	Samples	Total chloride ($\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$) (mean \pm SD)
Soft oils		
1	Canola oil	0.67 \pm 0.06
2	Sunflower oil	0.58 \pm 0.02
3	Rice bran oil	0.52 \pm 0.01
4	Roasted sesame oil	0.72 \pm 0.01
5	High oleic sunflower oil	0.32 \pm 0.02
6	Grapeseed oil	0.27 \pm 0.03
7	Black seed oil	0.25 \pm 0.04
Fruit oils		
8	Extra virgin olive oil	ND
9	Olive oil	0.56 \pm 0.08
10	Olive pomace oil	0.99 \pm 0.00
11	Palm olein	1.40 \pm 0.07
Lauric oils		
12	Coconut oil	0.29 \pm 0.04
13	Cold pressed virgin coconut oil	0.45 \pm 0.05
14	Palm kernel oil	ND
Nut oils		
15	Walnut oil	2.05 \pm 0.14
16	Peanut oil	1.10 \pm 0.13
Blended oils		
17	Mixture palm olein and sunflower oil	0.85 \pm 0.04
18	Mixture canola oil and corn oil	0.20 \pm 0.02
19	Mixture canola oil and sunflower oil	0.44 \pm 0.06
20	Mixture canola oil and soybean oil	0.13 \pm 0.02





Cross-check exercise for TCC in crude palm oil

Laboratory	TCC (ppm)	Z-Score
MPOB	15.66	-0.08
Lab 1	14.30	-0.66
Lab 2	14.23	-0.69
Lab 3	14.14	-0.72
Lab 4	16.50	0.27

Interpretation of Z-score	
Classification	Performance
$Z < 2.0$	Good / Satisfactory
$2.0 < Z < 3.0$	Questionable
$Z > 3.0$	Unsatisfactory





ISO 17025:2017 accreditation of MPOB Food Safety and Quality Laboratory



Schedule
Issue date: 25 January 2021
Valid until: 24 May 2022

NO: SAMM 461
Issue 3, 25 January 2021 replacement of SAMM 461 dated 28 October 2020

LABORATORY LOCATION: FOOD SAFETY & QUALITY LABORATORY ANALYTICAL & QUALITY DEVELOPMENT UNIT PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT & ADVISORY SERVICES DIVISION MALAYSIAN PALM OIL BOARD (MPOB) NO. 8, PERSIARAN INSTITUSI BANDAR BARU BANGI 43000 KAJANG SELANGOR MALAYSIA

FIELD(S) OF TESTING: CHEMICAL

This laboratory has demonstrated its technical competence to operate in accordance with MS ISO/IEC 17025:2017 (ISO/IEC 17025:2017).

This laboratory's fulfillment of the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025 means the laboratory meets both the technical competence requirements and management system requirements that are necessary for it to consistently deliver technically valid test results and calibrations. The management system requirements in ISO/IEC 17025 are written in language relevant to laboratory operations and operate generally in accordance with the principles of ISO 9001 (see Joint ISO-ILAC-IAF Communiqué dated April 2017).

SCOPE OF TESTING: CHEMICAL

Material/ Products Tested	Type of Test/ Properties Measured/ Range of Measurement	Standard Test Methods/ Equipments/Techniques
Agriculture Products and Materials Crude Palm Oil	Determination of Paraquat Residue Determination of Total Chlorine	In-house method PDAS/METHOD-PARAQUAT ANALYSIS/01 based on J. OI Palm Research, (1999), 11(2):57-62 In-house method PDAS/METHOD-CHLORIDE ANALYSIS/03 based on ASTM D4929-19a
Edible Oils and Fats	Determination of Copper (Cu), Phosphorus (P), and Iron (Fe)	In-house method PDAS/METHOD-Cu, P, Fe ANALYSIS/04 AOCS Method Cc29a-13

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LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME OF MALAYSIA



Complete transition from ISO 17025:2005 Paraquat residue



Expansion of scope

- Total chlorine content (TCC)
- 2-,3-MCPDE and GE
- Copper, Phosphorus and Iron



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MPOB
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Jabatan Standard Malaysia
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Makmal Keselamatan dan Kualiti Makanan Unit Analitik dan Pembangunan Kualiti Bahagian Penyelidikan Pembangunan Produk dan Khidmat Nasihat (PDAS).
Makmal telah menunjukkan kecekapan teknikalnya untuk beroperasi sesuai dengan **MS ISO / IEC 17025: 2017 (ISO / IEC 17025: 2017).**



List of commercial laboratories for TCC and 3-MCPDE and GE

No.	Laboratories	Test Services		Contact
		TCC	3-MCPDE and GE	
1.	INDELAB SDN BHD 33 & 33-1, Jalan Permai 1C, Taman Pendamaran Permai 42000 Pelabuhan Klang, Selangor	•	•	Mr Cheah Ping Cheong Tel: 03-31656929 / Fax: 03-31676930 Email: admin@indelab.com.my
2.	INDELAB (EAST) SDN BHD Block F, Lot 55, MDLD 8341, Layung Industrial Park KM 5 Jalan Tengah Nipah, 91100 Lahad Datu, Sabah	•		Mr Shamsudin Idris Tel: 089-880161 / Fax: Not available Email: indelab.east@gmail.com
3.	ALS TECHNICHEM SDN BHD Wisma ALS, No.21, Jalan Astaka U8/84 Bukit Jelutong, 40150 Shah Alam, Selangor	•	•	Ms Lee Yiu Lay Tel: 03-78458257 / Fax: 03-78458258 Email: YiuLay.Lee@alsglobal.com
4.	BIO SYNERGY LABORATORIES SDN BHD Lot 1109, Mukim Malau, Daerah Kubang Pasu, 06000 Jitra, Kedah.	•	•	Mr Khoo Hwa Chuan Tel: 04-9161288 / Fax: 04-9173610 Email: hckhoo@biosynergy.com.my
5.	DYNAKEY LABORATORIES SDN BHD Lot 5 & 6, 1st Floor, Bandar Sibuga Jaya 2 Batu 8 BQ. 3336, Mail Bag 8, 90000 Sandakan, Sabah	•		Mr Hui Kok Keng Tel: 089-215233 / Fax: 089-226233 Email: dynakey.labs@gmail.com

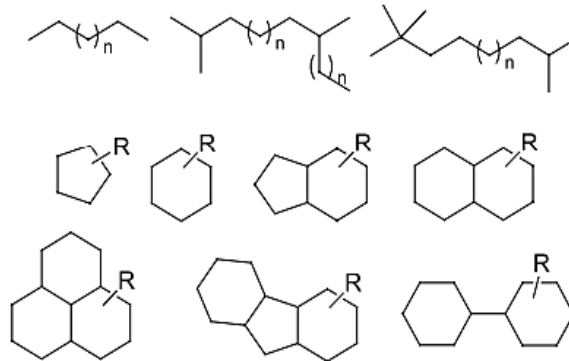


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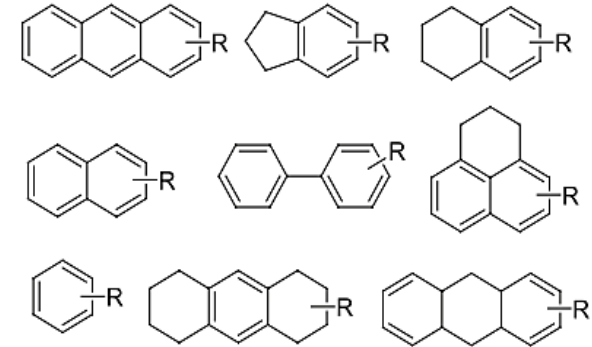
A NEVER ENDING
STORY...



EFSA Scientific Opinion on mineral oil hydrocarbons in food (2012)



- Saturated hydrocarbons (MOSH)
- Straight or branched alkanes and alkylated cycloalkanes



- Aromatic hydrocarbons (MOAH)
- Aromatic hydrocarbons including alkyl-substitution

“...**An Scientific Opinion** published on 2012 from the CONTAM Panel of EFSA concluded that the present exposure to **MOSH** ranging from **0.03 to 0.3 mg kg⁻¹ bw per day** is of “**potential concern**” especially to children. It was reported that MOSH could be **accumulated in tissues, lymph nodes, spleen and liver, and can cause microgranulomas** (Brühl, 2016) while, **MOAH** considered as **possible carcinogenic** and **mutagenic substances** (Weber et al., 2018)...”

First report on edible oil containing mineral oil hydrocarbons (MOH) in 2018
Sunflower oil adulterated with MOH from unidentified source was shipped from Ukraine to EU

12 July 2016

Selected Ferrero, Lindt and Rüberzahl chocolate purchased in Germany have been found to contain mineral oils

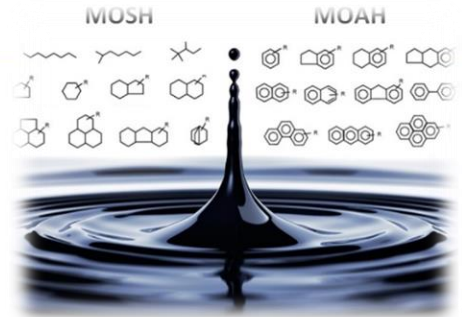


24 October 2019

Suspected carcinogenic mineral oil residues in baby milk products, *i.e.* Nestlé, Danone, Novalac, Neolac, Hero Baby and Nutrilon, on sale in France, the Netherlands and Germany



Possible routes of mineral oil hydrocarbons at the oil palm supply chain



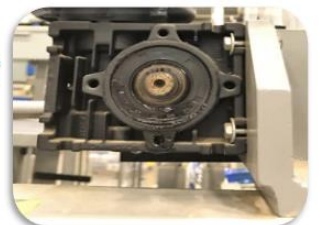
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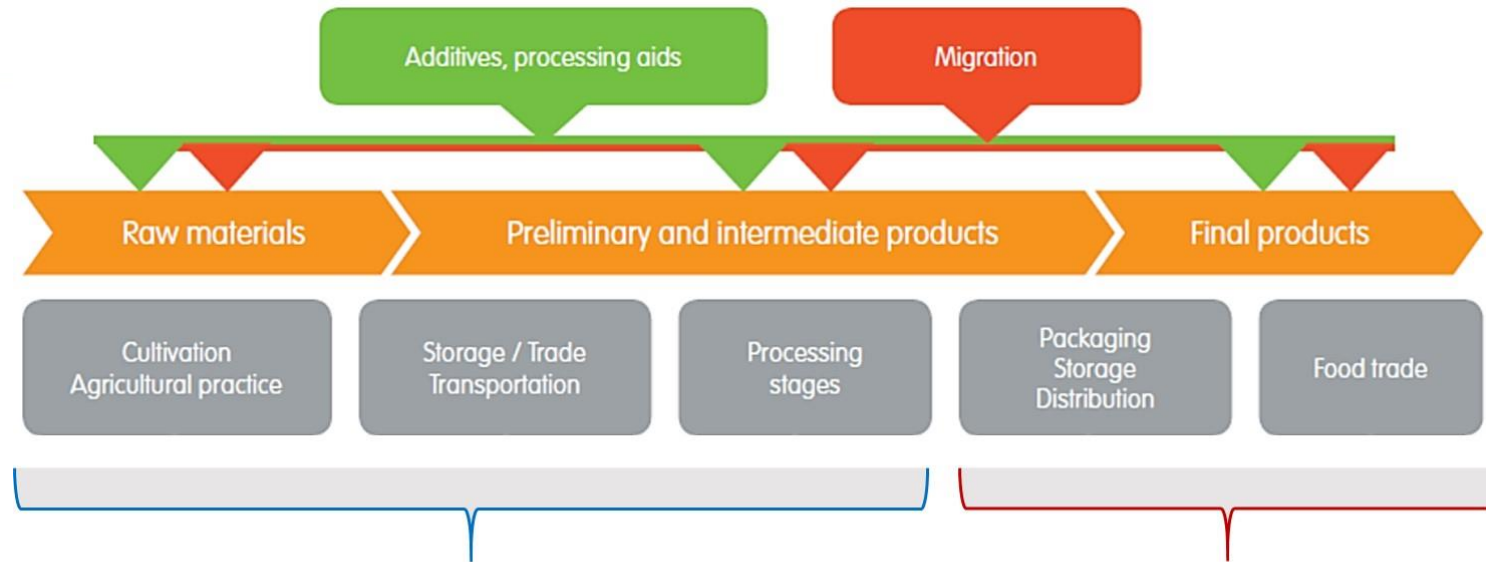
Machinery



Lubrication at the plants



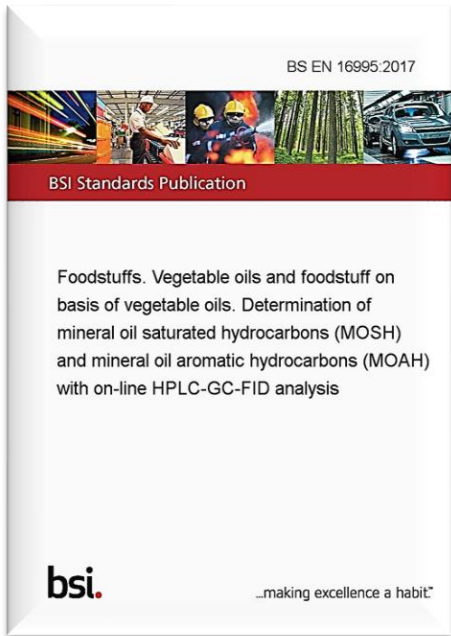
Oil leakage



	Max level (applicable 01.07.2020)		
	Palm oils and Coconut oils	Other vegetable oils and Animal Fats including Fish oils	Infant Grade ingredients **ALARA
MOSH	< 20 mg/kg oil	13 mg/kg oil	< 10 mg/kg oil
MOAH	< 2 mg/kg oil	<LOQ mg/kg oil*	< 2 mg/kg oil

ALARA - As low as reasonably achievable

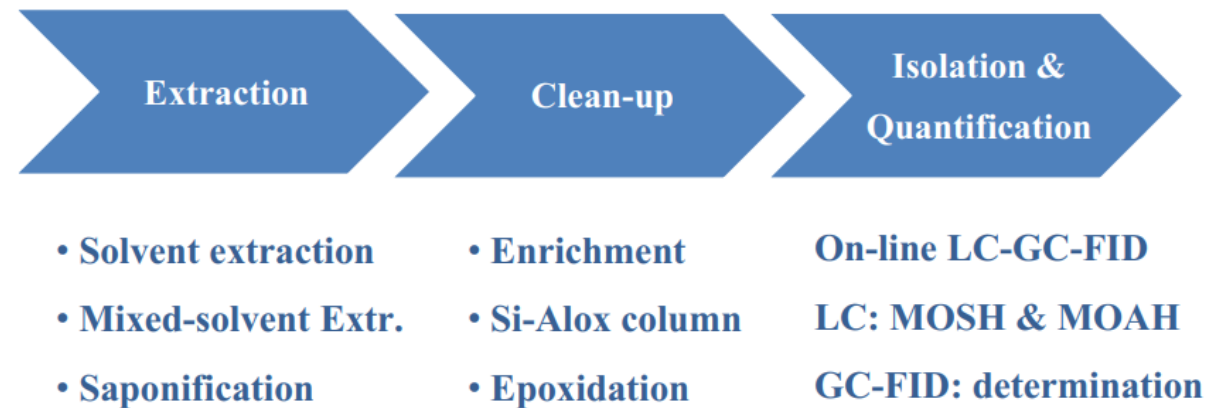
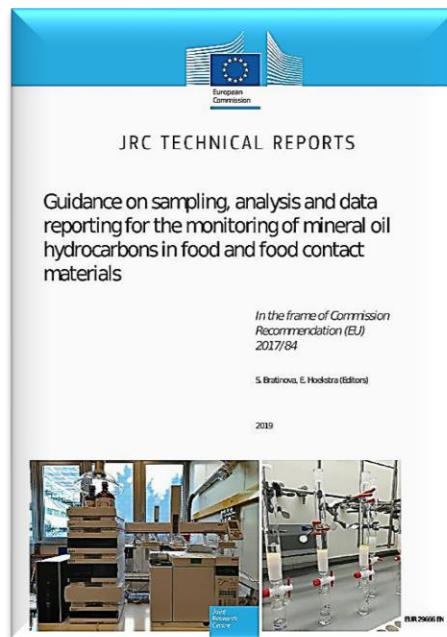
MOSH and MOAH official method and guidance document



- ❑ EU standard BS EN 16955 for MOH published in 2017
- ❑ Using online HPLC-GC-FID
- ❑ LOQ of 10 mg kg⁻¹
- ❑ Standard revision is aiming to lower LOQ to 1 mg kg⁻¹



- ❑ JRC Guidelines published in 2019
- ❑ EUR 29666 EN Technical Report including method of analysis and performance





“Utilisation of non-integrated and off-line instrument system affecting method performance...”

“Inconsistent test proficiency between the established international laboratories...”

“Tedious and time consuming especially for CPO and secondary oils...”

Sample Name	SGS, Germany		ITERG, France		Kirchhoff Institute, Germany	
	Sum MOSH	Sum MOAH	Sum MOSH	Sum MOAH	Sum MOSH	Sum MOAH
Production oil (CPO)	5.1 ppm	< 1.0 ppm	< 10.0 ppm	< 2.0 ppm	9.0 ppm	< 1.0 ppm
Sterilizer condensate oil	18.5 ppm	< 1.0 ppm	20.0 ppm	3.0 ppm	25.6 ppm	< 1.0 ppm
Undiluted crude oil	7.2 ppm	< 1.0 ppm	< 10.0 ppm	2.0 ppm	5.1 ppm	< 1.0 ppm
Price / sample (Euro) in 2019	230.00*		300.00*		284.00*	



Cross-check exercise for MOSH in oil matrices

Sample code	MPOB*	Local Lab*	IKB**
CPO 102	27.23	9.22	18.90
CPO 107	18.26	8.86	13.10
CPO 108	22.49	12.94	19.00

* online LC-GC-FID system with manual sample preparation

** online LC-GC-FID system and automated sample preparation setup

- Results from MPOB are 40% higher compared to IKB due to different instrument configuration and manual sample preparation
- High interferences were observed in the chromatogram possibility due to the presence of plastic materials (PE, PP, HDPE)
- Packing migration could be the major contribution of oligomers from polyethylene or polypropylene materials detected as MOSH fractions namely **poly-olefinic oligomeric saturated hydrocarbons (POSH)** and **poly-alpha olefins (PAO)**

MOAH detection is still in progress due to challenge on saponification and epoxidation for sample preparation

Sample code	MPOB*	Proof ACS**
RBDPO Blank	40.26	14.9
RBDPO Spiked	51.93	15.2
Rapeseed oil Blank	22.12	1.71
Rapeseed oil Spiked	36.22	11 to 20

* online LC-GC-FID system with manual sample preparation

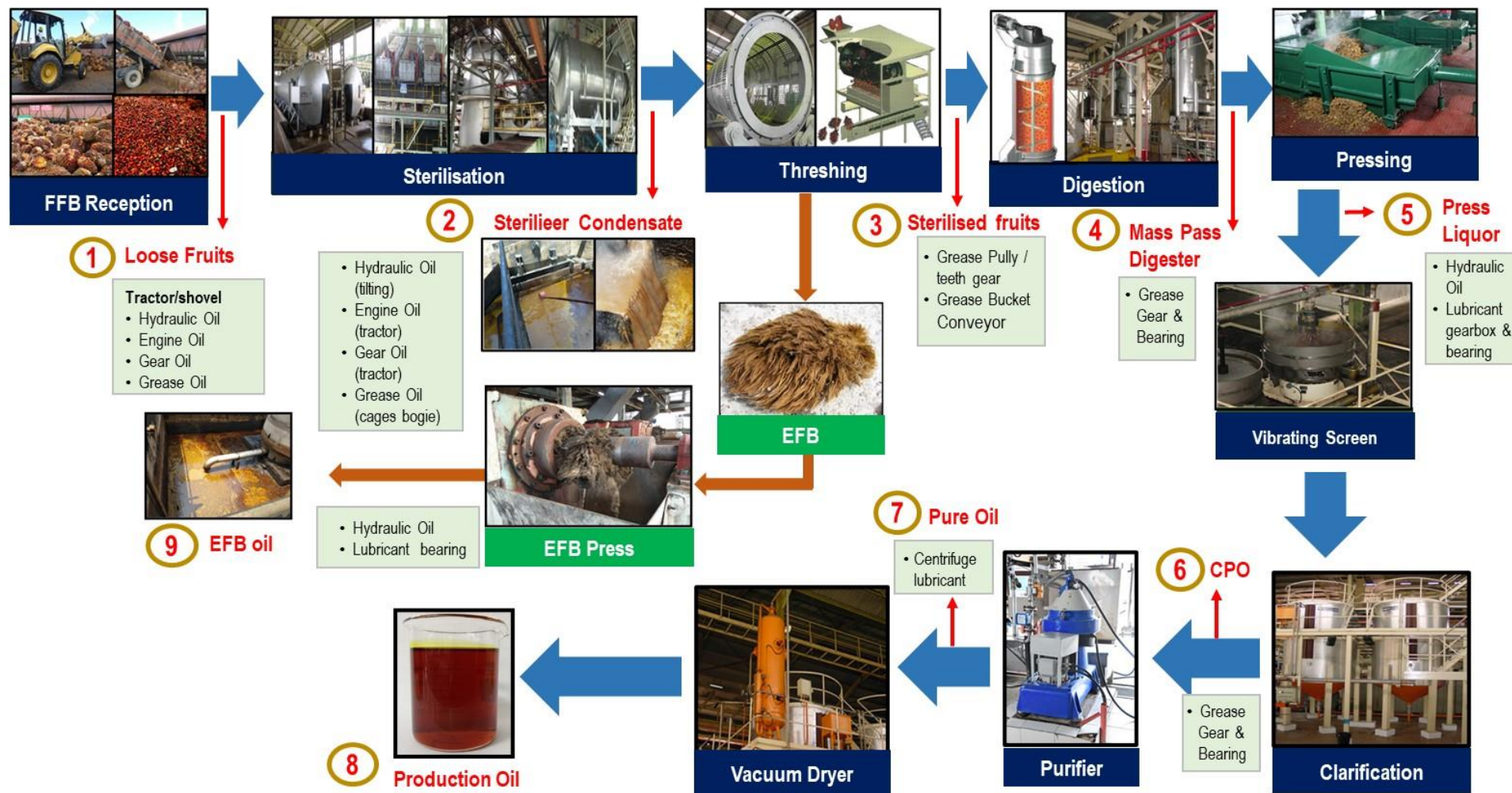
** online LC-GC-FID system and automated sample preparation

- Results from MPOB is significantly higher compared to MOSH value from Prof ACS possibility due to high POSH interference
- Baking all laboratory glassware used in the sample preparation slightly reduce the interference
- Optimisation of sample preparation protocol is still on-going to minimise the occurrence of POSH and POA from plastic



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Critical Control Points





PALM OIL QUALITY

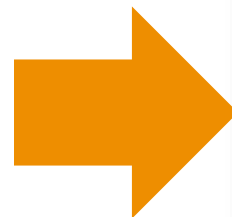
**Standard development
and specification
enhancement**




Involvement in Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)

26th Session of the Codex Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO) from 25th February 2019 to 1st March 2019

- MPOB is responsible as the Secretariat of National Codex Sub-Committee on Fats and Oils (CCFO)
- Amendment of refractive index and apparent density of palm superolein at 40°C **successfully adopted** into the Codex Standard for Named Vegetable Oil (CODEX STAN 210:1999)
- Replacement of acid value with free fatty acid for virgin palm oil and inclusion of free fatty acids for crude palm kernel oil **successfully adopted** into the Codex Standard for Named Vegetable Oil (CODEX STAN 210:1999)





MALAYSIAN STANDARD

MS 814:2007,
AMD. 1:2018

Palm oil - Specification (Second revision)

AMENDMENT 1

Clause 4, Page 2, Table 1

To change the value of observed range of apparent density kg/l, at 50 °C and Refractive index, n_D 50 °C as follows:

Table 1. Guideline identity characteristics for palm oil

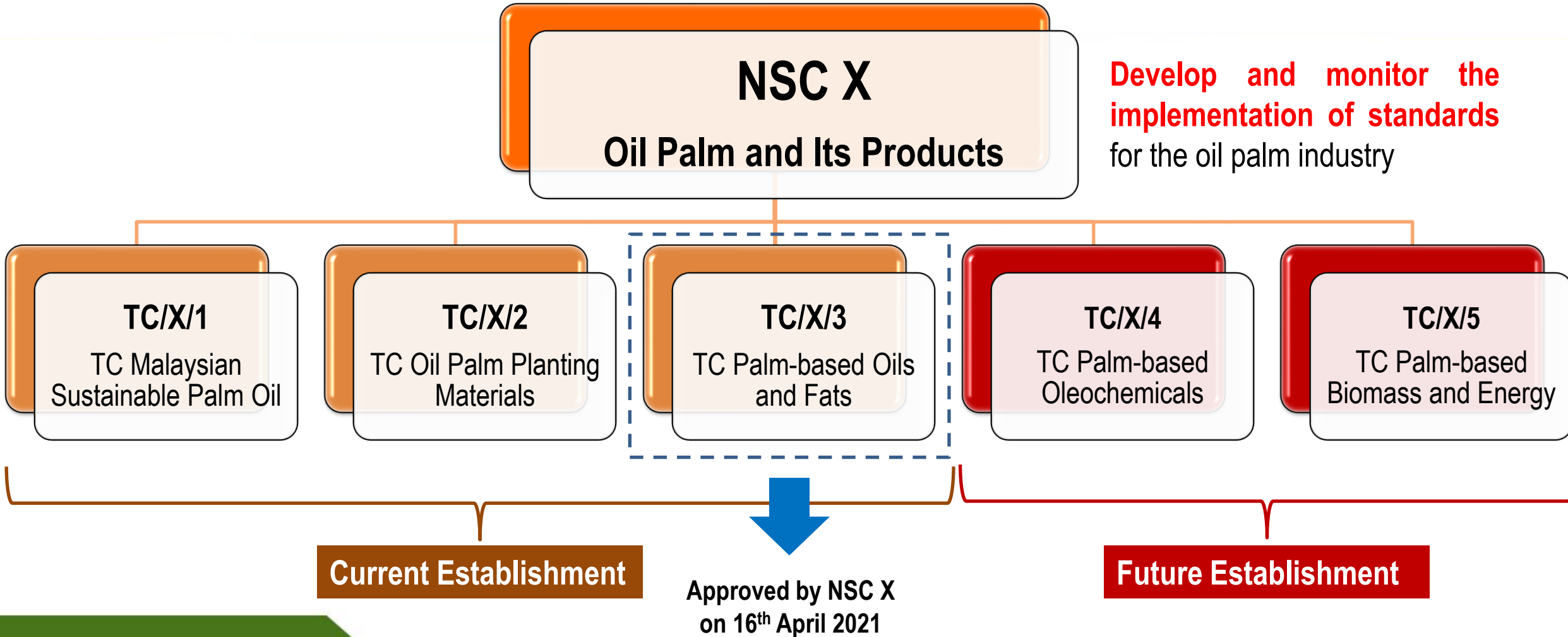
Identity characteristics	Observed range	Mean	Standard deviation
Apparent density, kg/l, at 50 °C	0.889 - 0.895	0.890 50	0.000 2
Refractive index, n _D 50 °C	1.454 - 1.456	1.454 3	0.000 2

NOTE. The identity characteristics of processed palm oil differ in no significant ways from those of crude palm oil with the exception of carotenoids.

Amendment of MS 814:2007 AMD. 1:2018 Palm oil specification (2nd revision)

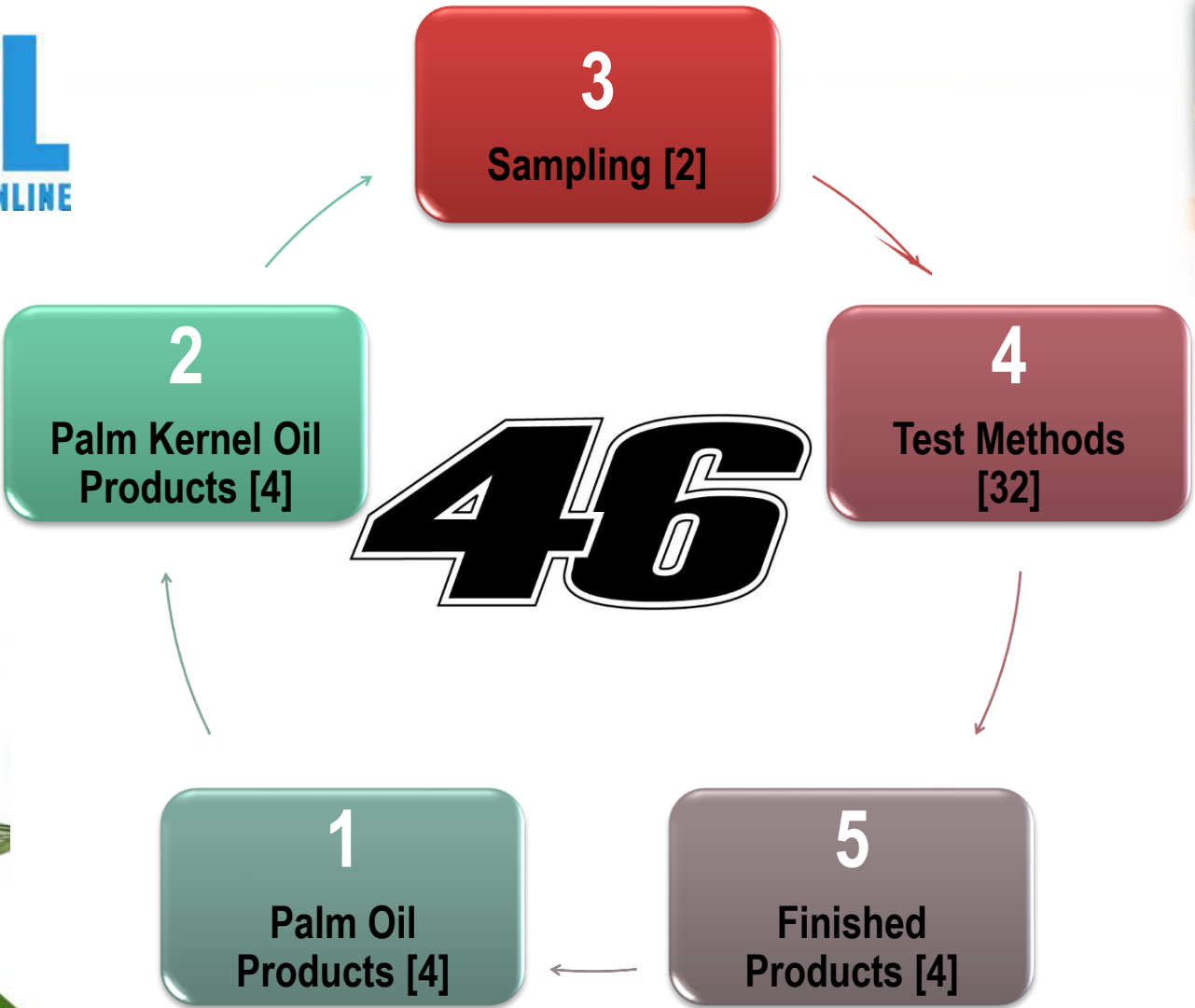


Reviving Malaysian Standards related to palm oil safety and quality





Current MS documents related to palm oil and its products





Roadmap on Malaysian Standard development and improvement



READY TO EXECUTE

Amendment of MS 1762:2002
Palm superolein specification

Amendment of MS 815:2007
Palm stearin specification

CURRENT SURVEY AND ASSESSMENT

Revision of MS 814:2007
Palm oil specification

Development of New MS for
secondary oils

FUTURE EFFORTS FOR NEW MS

Total chlorine content method

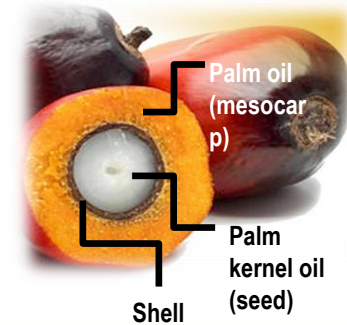
Red palm oil specification

Palm phenolics specification

CURRENT MS FOR REVIEW

Prioritise of selective MS
documents for review

Periodic review of MS
documents



Type and source of secondary oils

STERILISATION STATION



PRESSING STATION



Palm pressed fibre oil (PPFO)

THRESHING STATION





Identity characteristics of secondary oils

Parameters	EFBO (n = 21)		PPFO (n = 16)		SCO (n = 19)	
	Average	Range	Average	Range	Average	Range
FFA (% as palmitic)	9.43 ± 3.62	3.99 to 20.85	6.84 ± 2.06	4.55 to 12.92	14.78 ± 4.28	11.0 to 19.43
Moisture (%)	0.33 ± 0.12	0.13 to 0.51	0.22 ± 0.07	0.14 to 0.36	0.32 ± 0.01	0.32 to 0.33
Impurities (%)	0.02 ± 0.01	0 to 0.05	0.01 ± 0.01	0 to 0.04	0.06 ± 0.06	0.01 to 0.20
p-AnV	2.68 ± 1.69	0.24 to 6.63	10.65 ± 1.96	8.51 to 13.13	5.90 ± 2.57	2.70 to 8.60
PV (meq O ₂ /kg)	0.36 ± 0.31	0.1 to 0.57	2.24 ± 1.72	0.35 to 6.24	1.60 ± 0.67	0.66 to 2.56
Lovibond colour, 1" (Red)	25.2 ± 11.1	12.3 to 51.0	14.0 ± 6.5	10 to 28.5	11.1	11.1
Carotenes (ppm)	526 ± 35	471 to 575	1027 ± 334	560 to 1560	429 ± 51	399 to 487
DOBI	1.58 ± 0.45	1.28 to 2.43	1.42 ± 0.37	0.94 to 2.09	1.49 ± 0.31	1.39 to 1.84
Fe (ppm)	5.49 ± 5.33	0.3 to 21.6	80.64 ± 32.08	41.15 to 142.5	22.39 ± 22.05	3.69 to 86.24
P (ppm)	18.31 ± 13.91	1.4 to 55.2	1249.36 ± 356.30	910 to 2144.5	26.30 ± 16.55	6.43 to 51.10
Cu (ppm)	ND	ND	0.54 ± 0.23	0.176 to 0.752	ND	ND
Total chlorine content (ppm)	4.77 ± 2.65	0.6 to 8.8	174.25 ± 52.67	89.38 to 257.65	3.79 ± 3.46	1.35 to 6.24

EFBO - Empty fruit bunches oil; PPFO - Palm-pressed fibre oil; SCO - Steriliser condensate oil

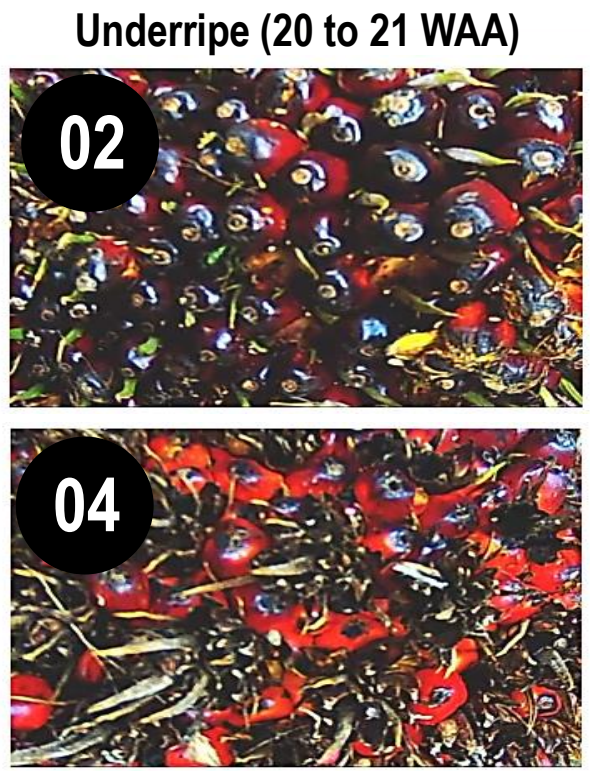
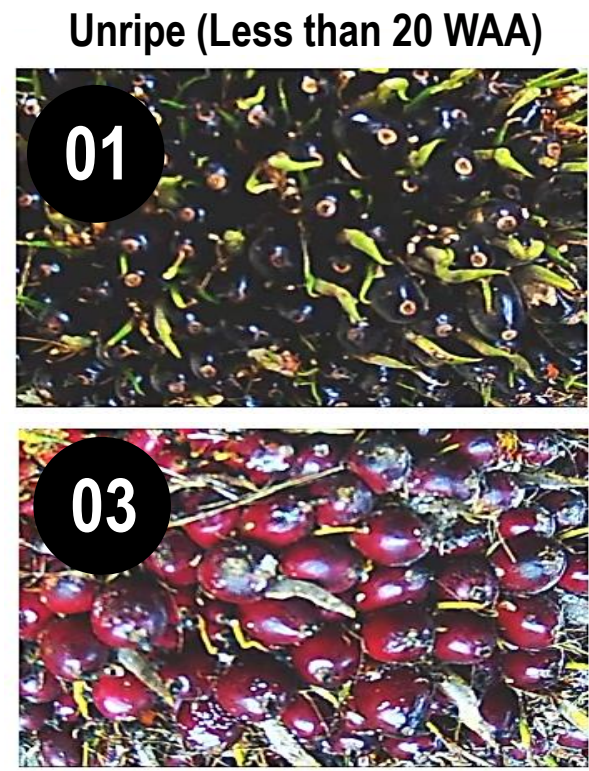
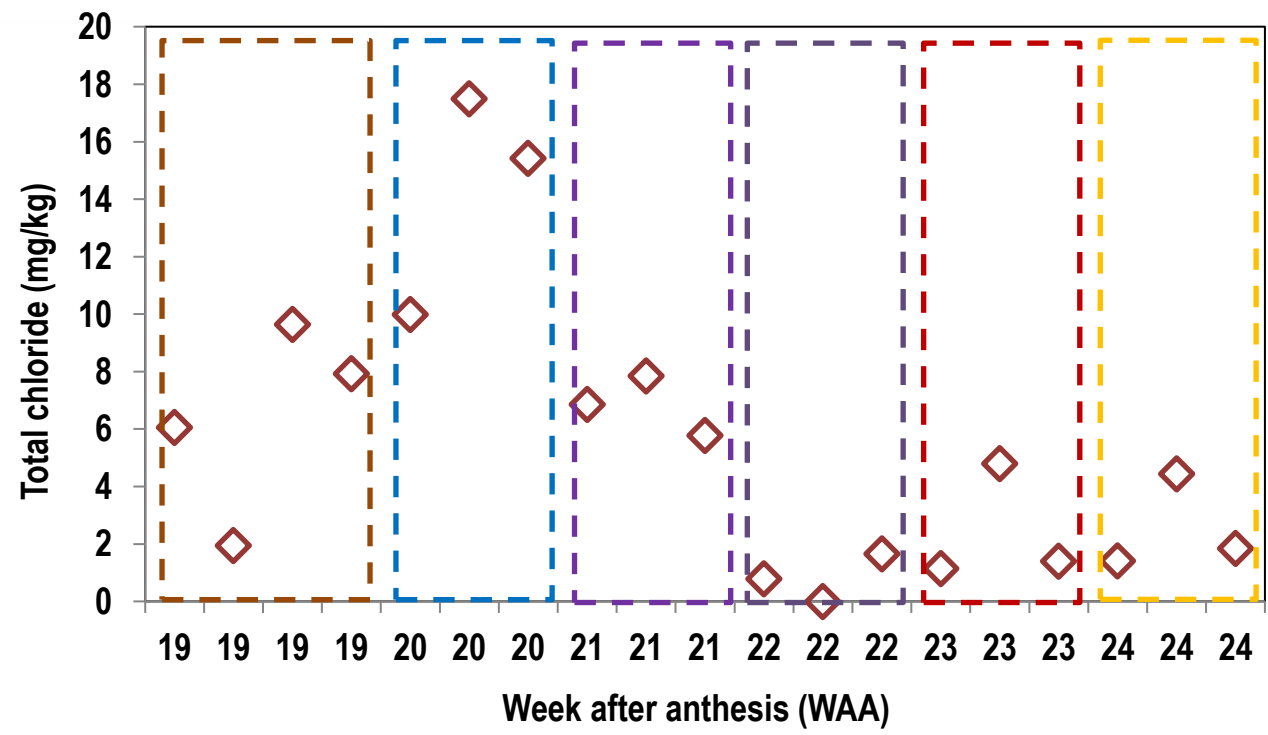


Identity characteristics of secondary oils (Continued)

Parameter	EFBO (n = 21)		PPFO (n = 16)		SCO (n = 19)	
	Average	Range	Average	Range	Average	Range
AD (kg/l), at 50°C	0.88892 ± 0.00029	0.88834 to 0.88934	0.88975 ± 0.00199	0.89677 to 0.90172	NA	NA
RI (n _D), at 50°C	1.45357 ± 0.00113	1.45095 to 1.45469	1.45480 ± 0.00010	1.45320 to 1.45758	1.45289 ± 0.00101	1.45223 to 1.45405
IV (g I ₂ /100g)	52 ± 2	49 to 56	51 ± 4	39 to 58	52 ± 1	48.57 to 53.85
SMP (°C)	34.5 ± 2.7	28.6 to 39.6	33.4 ± 5.1	24.1 to 39.3	35.4 ± 1.6	32.4 to 38.1
SV (mg KOH/g oil)	206 ± 5	199 to 215	203 ± 2	200 to 206	203 ± 3	199 to 207
FAC (wt % as methyl esters)						
C8:0	ND	ND	0.30 ± 0.20	0.10 to 0.50	ND	ND
C10: 0	0.20 ± 0.10	0.10 to 0.35	0.20 ± 0.17	0.10 to 0.50	ND	ND
C12: 0	0.25 ± 0.15	0.10 to 0.55	1.30 ± 1.19	0.10 to 7.00	0.20 ± 0.12	0.10 to 0.40
C14: 0	1.10 ± 0.07	1.00 to 1.20	1.80 ± 0.75	1.10 to 3.30	1.05 ± 0.04	1.00 to 1.10
C16: 0	43.12 ± 2.00	37.75 to 46.75	41.20 ± 2.32	35.30 to 44.0	44.0 ± 1.13	42.50 to 45.20
C16: 1	0.20 ± 0.07	0.10 to 0.40	0.20 ± 0.07	0.10 to 0.40	0.17 ± 0.03	0.15 to 0.20
C18: 0	4.37 ± 0.57	3.90 to 6.30	4.30 ± 0.67	3.60 to 6.10	4.43 ± 0.35	4.00 to 4.95
C18: 1	38.79 ± 1.73	36.10 to 41.50	38.40 ± 1.37	36.00 to 39.90	38.56 ± 0.54	37.80 to 39.45
C18: 2	10.08 ± 0.61	9.00 to 11.70	10.30 ± 1.01	8.70 to 12.60	10.14 ± 0.40	9.65 to 10.55
C18: 3	0.33 ± 0.07	0.20 to 0.50	0.40 ± 0.15	0.2 to 0.7	0.42 ± 0.07	0.35 to 0.55
C20: 0	0.42 ± 0.09	0.3 to 0.6	0.43 ± 0.11	0.3 to 0.7	0.38 ± 0.08	0.30 to 0.50
C20: 1	0.24 ± 0.05	0.2 to 0.35	0.31 ± 0.15	0.1 to 0.7	0.20 ± 0.04	0.15 to 0.25
C22: 0	ND	ND	0.24 ± 0.19	0.1 to 0.5	ND	ND
C22: 1	ND	ND	0.23 ± 0.05	0.2 to 0.3	ND	ND

“...Data for the establishment of new Malaysian Standard (MS) document for secondary, recovered or technical grade oils from palm oil...”

Preliminary study on the effect of fruit ripeness on total chloride



Ripe (22 to 23 WAA)

Overripe (Exceeds 24 WAA)

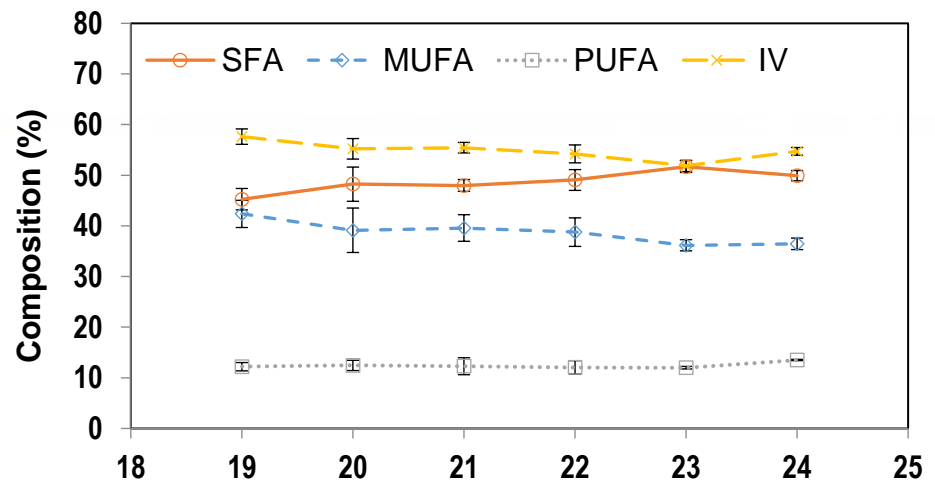
“...Total chloride content in CPO is affected by FFB than degree of ripeness”...

*Note: WAA: weeks after anthesis)

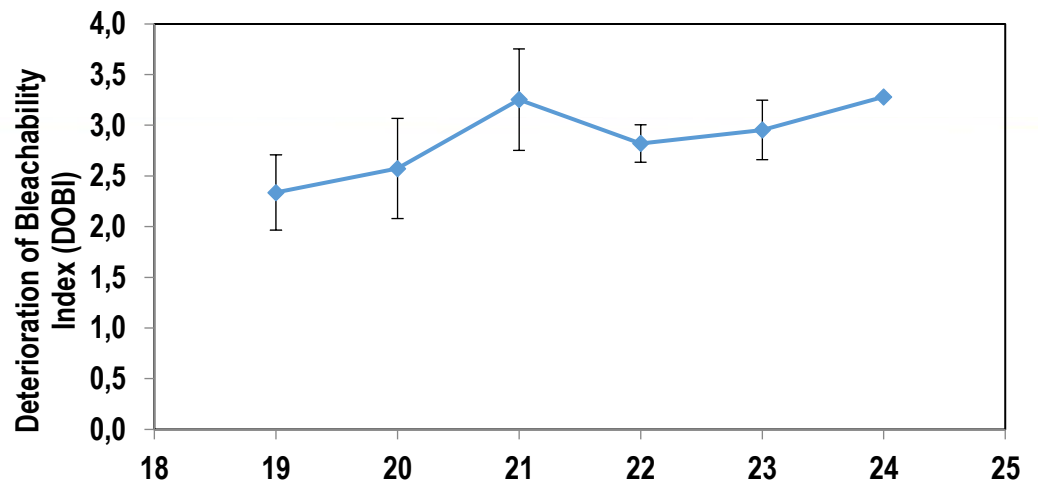


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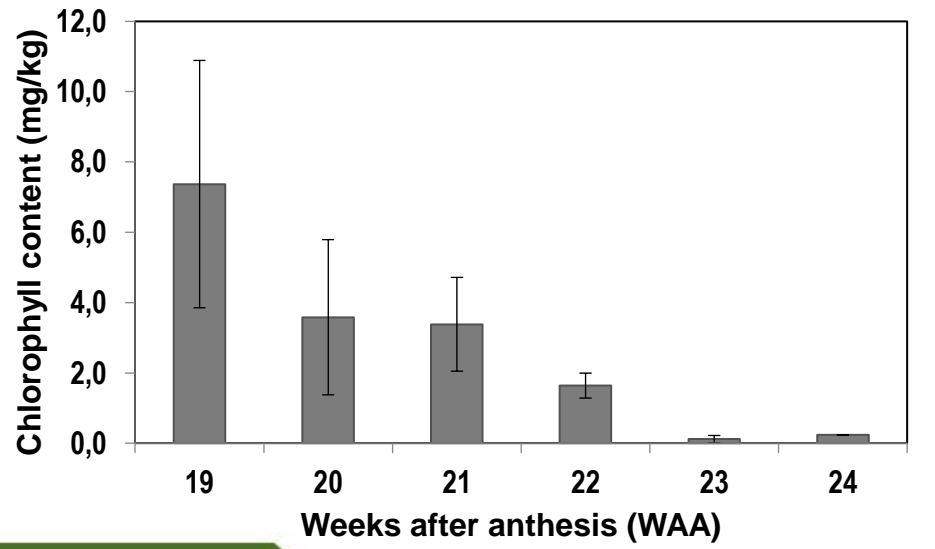
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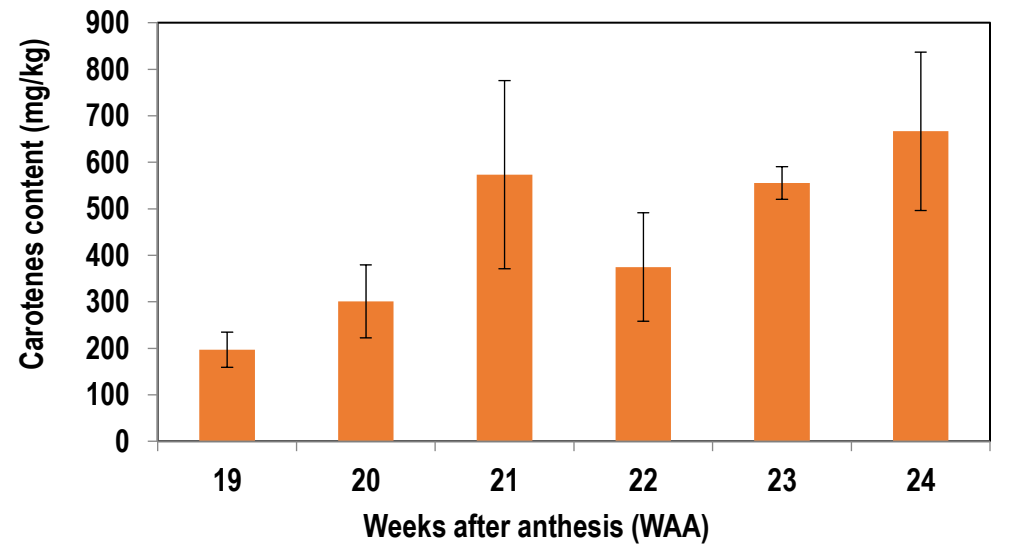
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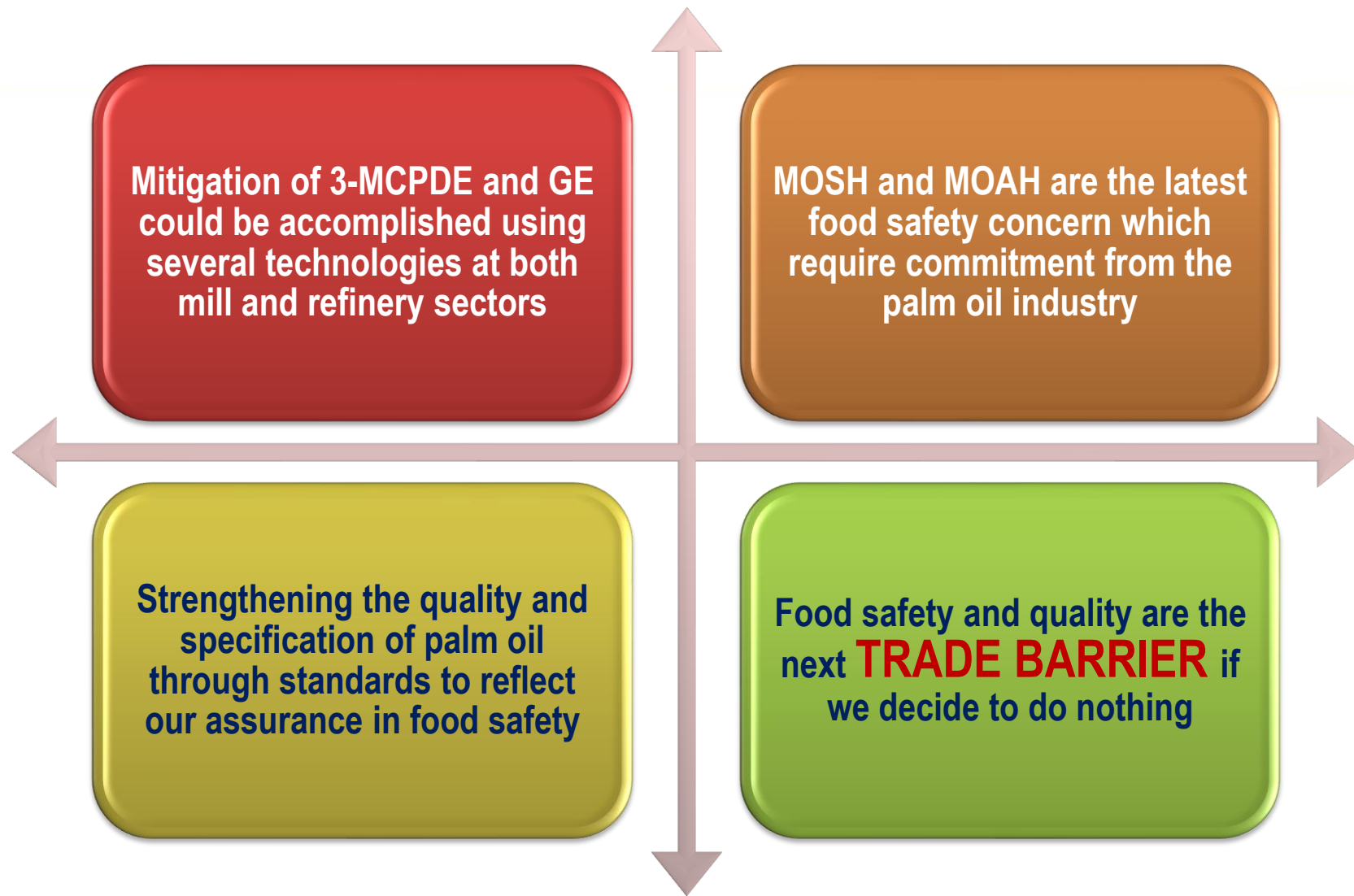


Chlorophyll



Carotenes





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