

CICM RESPONSIBLE CARE AWARDS 2026



GENERAL INFORMATION & TERMS AND CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION

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BACKGROUND

Responsible Care is the chemical industry's commitment to continuous improvement in all aspects of health, safety, environment protection and security of their operations, processes and products in manner responsive to the concerns of the public. The Responsible Care was initiated in the mid-1980's in Canada and has been promoted by national chemical associations in nearly 70 economies worldwide, including Malaysia. It is the "voice" and ethics of the global chemical industry that values the health, safety, environmental and security aspects throughout the life cycle of each chemical product; from its initial research and development, production, utilization to the end-user and waste stage. It reflects the chemical industry's noble ethics and self-esteem to regain the image and trust of the people, as well as build pride among the employees and stakeholders of the chemical industry. It is a principle driven performance initiative of the global chemical industry that must be implemented through a management system.

Responsible Care is one of the Chemical Industries Council of Malaysia's (CICM) flagship activities. The voluntary initiative was launched by the Council in Malaysia in 1994. To date, more than 150 signatories or chemical companies have pledged their commitment to Responsible Care. The CICM Responsible Care Committee and its Regional Committees, namely, the Central, Eastern, Northern and Southern Zone Committees were established to further enhance the promotion and implementation of Responsible Care among the chemical industry players in Malaysia.

Between 1995 – 1999, the Six Codes of Management Practices were developed and launched by CICM. The Codes developed were the Distribution Code, Process Safety Code, Pollution Prevention Code, Product Stewardship Code, Community Awareness and Emergency Response Code and the Employee Health and Safety Code. In December 2017, the Security Code was launched to provide guidance for the protection of people, property, products, processes, information and information systems by enhancing security, including security against potential terrorist attack throughout the chemical value chain. Revisions / updates were made to the Employee Health and Safety Code and Environmental Protection Code (previously known as Pollution Prevention Code), which were introduced to Responsible Care signatories in March 2022.

The Responsible Care Management System (RCMS) was also developed and launched in year 2010. It was developed as part of the Responsible Care Global Charter requirements and to assist chemical companies to measure their health, safety, security and environmental performance against a structured management system which can be integrated into the company's overall management and culture. The RCMS will be used for third party auditors to evaluate a member's implementation of Responsible Care and provide a report which includes area of strength and recommendations for improvement.

To support and encourage more SMEs to adopt and implement Responsible Care in their operations, CICM then published the RCMS Guidelines for SMEs in 2022, with the support of the Chemical Productivity Nexus (CPN) under the Malaysia Productivity Corporation (MPC) and the Social Security Organisation (SOCSO).

The Responsible Care Awards is a flagship activity by CICM, which was introduced in year 2002. This year marks the 17th Award organised by CICM.

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OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Awards are to promote greater awareness of the Responsible Care Programme and its principles and to give recognition to those organisations that have made most progress in implementing the Responsible Care's Codes of Management Practices in Malaysia.

CATEGORIES OF CICM RESPONSIBLE CARE AWARDS 2026

RESPONSIBLE CARE SIGNATORIES

❖ **Corporate Awards for the Codes of Management Practices**

This category would be contested according to chemical sub-sectors and Responsible Care signatories would be required to **choose one (1) sector** that they would like to participate in, i.e.:

- Petrochemicals
- Oleochemicals
- General Chemicals

Gold and Silver will be awarded for each of the Codes of Management Practices in the above-mentioned 3 categories. All participants and finalists for the 3 categories meeting the cut-off points (65%) at the documentation assessment level would be considered for the Merit Award.

❖ **Platinum Award**

Responsible Care signatories who are able to sustain their performance consistently for 3 consecutive years, i.e., winning 3 consecutive Gold Awards for a particular Code of Management Practice will be considered for the Platinum Award. Once a company has been given the Platinum Award, the company will only be considered for another one for the same Code of Management Practice, if they continue to win the Gold Award for another 3 consecutive years.

❖ **Grand Award**

The Grand Award will be given to a participating company in recognition of their outstanding performance. **Participating companies must participate in at least 4 Codes (out of which 2 of the Codes must be the Employee Health and Safety and Environmental Protection Codes) under the Corporate Awards for the Codes of Management Practices, in order to be considered for the Grand Award.** The winner will be determined based on the number of Awards (highest number of Gold, followed by Silver & Merit) won by the participating company.

SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SMEs)

❖ **Special Award for the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)**

Opened to all chemical companies categorised as small and medium enterprises (SMEs). It is compulsory for SMEs to participate in **both the Employee Health and Safety and Environmental Protection Codes.**

Gold and Silver would be awarded for each Code of Management Practice and Merit Awards will be given to SMEs meeting the minimum cut-off point (50%) at the site assessment level.

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INDIVIDUAL

❖ **CICM Responsible Care Leadership Award 2026**

CICM welcomes nominations from Responsible Care signatories for the Leadership Award. The final selection of the winner will be decided by the CICM Executive Committee.

ELIGIBILITY

Corporate Awards for the Codes of Management Practices, Platinum Award & Grand Award

- Only chemical companies that have signed up as Responsible Care signatories with CICM will qualify to participate in the Corporate Awards for each of the Codes of Management Practices and also in contention for the Platinum Award and Grand Award.

Special Award for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)

- SME chemical companies, not necessary a CICM member or a Responsible Care signatory, but categorised as a SME by the SME Corp ([SME Corporation Malaysia - SME Definition](#)), can apply to participate in the Special Award for the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Companies are required to declare in the Application Form whether they have fatality, environmental release and penalties from Government authorities (concerning safety, health and environment) during the period of assessment. Declaration will be based on plant site.

CICM Responsible Care Leadership Award 2026

- Responsible Care signatories are invited to nominate an individual or their own employees that has attained significant achievements and contributed enormously to the advancement of Responsible Care beyond its own organisation. The nominee / candidate should possess the following:
 - ❖ At least 5 years involvement and execution of Responsible Care activities and programme within the chemical industry.
 - ❖ At least 3 years active involvement in Responsible Care promotional activities in the local community (e.g., dissemination of Responsible Care awareness through seminars, talks, public forums and other community outreach activities, publication of Responsible Care related articles and also supporting Responsible Care activities organized by CICM).
 - ❖ Strong leadership in implementing Responsible Care initiatives and a practitioner either at senior or middle management level.
 - ❖ Executed programmes / initiatives that brought positive impact and changes; for the betterment of the community.

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APPLICATION

Corporate Awards for the Codes of Management Practices & Special Award for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)

Responsible Care signatories / companies wishing to be considered for the above Awards can apply for participation by **completing and submitting the Application Form and the Responsible Care Assessment Checklist (including the Responsible Care Indicators of Performance Form)**, as well as other relevant supporting documents.

CICM Responsible Care Leadership Award 2026

For nominations to the CICM Responsible Care Leadership Award 2026, **the Nomination Form must be accompanied with a brief CV of the candidate, as well as a write-up of the candidate's contribution and achievements on the promotion of Responsible Care.**

All documents for participation in the Awards will have to be downloaded from the CICM website (at the CICM Responsible Care section) at <http://www.cicm.org.my>.

PARTICIPATION FEE

A participation fee of **RM 300 per Code** will be applicable for companies participating under the **Corporate Awards for the Codes of Management Practices**. The participation fee is charged to defray administrative expenses incurred for both documentation and site assessments of the Awards. Upon the submission of the Application Form, CICM will issue an invoice to facilitate the payment of the participation fee. Payment could be made via online transfer to CICM bank account (or in cheque form). CICM's bank account details will be made available in the invoice. Failure to settle the participation fee by the timeline given by CICM will disqualify the company's entry in the Award.

GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING THE CICM RESPONSIBLE CARE ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST 2026 FORMS

- Responsible Care signatories / SMEs would be given an option to participate in either all the Codes of Management Practices **OR** a Code / Codes of their choice. **Please indicate this in the Application Form.**
- Tick the appropriate box to indicate your company's level of implementation for each of the management practice item in the Responsible Care Assessment Checklist. Please refer to the last part of every form for explanation of the stages of implementation. To better understand the requirements of the items in the checklist, please refer to the Codes of Management Practices and the implementation guide in the respective Codes. **The Codes of Management Practices are available in the CICM website ([Chemical Industries Council of Malaysia \(CICM\) - Programme Elements](#)) for reference.**
- Please provide all relevant documents / information and implementation evidence for all the management practices listed in the Responsible Care Assessment Checklist. (Note: *Please contact the Secretariat if there are constraints in submitting the supporting documents due to confidentiality reasons*) Kindly numerically mark all attachments for reference to their respective management practices.

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- Please attach additional pages for those items that require brief description. ***This should be typewritten.***
- Please indicate the reference number of the documents attached in the given column on the right of the Responsible Care Assessment Checklist, for the CICM RCP Technical Committee's easy reference.

SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

- **Applicants are to submit their Awards Application Form, completed Indicators of Performance and also the completed Responsible Care Assessment Checklist in HARD COPY and PRINTED in single-sided A4 papers.**
- **For the submission of supporting documents, companies are required to submit in SOFT COPIES (either in a USB drive or in a cloud drive).** This reduces paper usage and supports our commitment to environmental protection.
- Entries in **soft copies** should be submitted based on the following:
 - a) Preferably as PDF files (to ensure documents are un-editable or to prevent revisions and deletions).
 - b) Soft copy documents for submission of a particular Code should be grouped and named accordingly and saved in 1 folder OR as 1 file.
 - c) For submission in a USB drive, it should be made in **2 copies** (please ensure that the USB drive is free from virus). For submission through the cloud drive, please email the link to the CICM Secretariat.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

Assessment to select the winners for the CICM Responsible Care Awards 2026 will be carried out by the CICM RCP Technical Committee. The assessment process for the Corporate Awards for the Codes of Management Practices and the Special Award for the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) category will be divided into two stages and will be based on the period of assessment from **January till December 2025:**

- ***First Stage (Documentation Assessment)***

Assessment will be conducted on signatory's / company's submission of the Responsible Care Assessment Checklist and related supporting implementation documents by the CICM RCP Technical Committee. Finalists for each of the Codes of Management Practices Awards and Special Award for the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) category will be determined at this stage.

- ***Second Stage (Site Assessment)***

This stage will be conducted through site assessments by a team of assessors at companies of the finalists for the Corporate Award for the Codes of Management Practices and Special Award for the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) category. Winners for the categories contested in the Awards will be determined at this stage.

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CLOSING DATE

Corporate Awards for the Codes of Management Practices & Special Award for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)

The Application Form and the Responsible Care Assessment Checklist, as well as all relevant implementation supporting documents must reach the CICM Secretariat **by May 15, 2026 (Friday)**. *Early submission is encouraged.*

CICM Responsible Care Leadership Award 2026

The nominations for the CICM Responsible Care Leadership Award 2026 should reach the CICM Secretariat **by May 15, 2026 (Friday)**. *Early submission is encouraged.*

Please submit the completed forms to the following address:

Secretariat
Chemical Industries Council of Malaysia (CICM)
Wisma FMM, No. 3, Persiaran Dagang, PJU 9,
Bandar Sri Damansara, 52200 Kuala Lumpur

For submission of the relevant implementation supporting documents via cloud drive, please email the link to the CICM Secretariat at: pek_wan@fmm.org.my & bee_chin@fmm.org.my.

CICM RESPONSIBLE CARE AWARDS 2026 PRESENTATION CEREMONY

The CICM Responsible Care Awards 2026 will be presented to the winning companies at the Chemical Industry Dinner planned to be held in October 2026 in Kuala Lumpur. The dinner will be attended by members of the industry, invited Government guests and members of the press.

ENQUIRIES

For further clarifications or enquiries, please contact Ms Chan Pek Wan or Ms Tan Bee Chin of the CICM Secretariat at Tel: 03-6286 7200 / Email: pek_wan@fmm.org.my / bee_chin@fmm.org.my.
