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Certificates for Imports

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Report Highlights:

Indonesia's Halal Product Assurance Agency (BPJPH) recently promulgated a new decree requiring imported products' halal certificates issued by foreign halal certifying bodies be registered with BPJPH prior to the importation and distribution of the products within Indonesia. This report describes the registration process.

Summary

On November 15, 2023, the Halal Product Assurance Agency (BPJPH) issued [Decree No. 90 of 2023](#) on the Procedure for the Implementation of the Registration Service for Foreign Halal Certificates. This regulation sets out the procedures for the mandatory registration of imported products certified halal by foreign halal certifying bodies (HCBs)¹ accredited by BPJPH. Registration of these products' halal certificates must be completed prior to the importation and distribution of the products within Indonesia. This regulation lays out the process for the issuance as well as the revocation of halal product registration numbers.

The overall process from submission to issuance is as follows:

1. Registration

The importers and/or the exporters' official Indonesian representatives should submit an application in English to BPJPH for a new registration or a registration renewal through the Halal Information System (SIHALAL) at <https://ptsp.halal.go.id> and upload the following required documents:

- An application letter for foreign halal certificate registration;
- A letter of authorization (LoA) from the company/exporter in the country of origin authorizing the applicant to register for their product's foreign halal certificate on their behalf;
- The Business License Number (NIB) of the importer and/or the exporter's official Indonesian representative;
- A copy of the imported product's halal certificate after it has been notarized by the authorized official at the Indonesian Embassy in Washington, DC or the Indonesian Consulate General in Los Angeles, CA; Chicago, IL; New York, NY (Note: notarization done in consulates need to be confirmed by the Indonesian Embassy in Washington, DC);
- A copy of the mutual recognition agreement (MRA) between the foreign halal certifying body issuing the halal certificate and BPJPH;
- A list of the products to be imported into Indonesia by harmonized system (HS) code number; and
- A statement letter with a duty stamp valued at 10,000 IDR (approx. \$0.63) affirming that the submitted documents are correct and valid.

2. Verification

BPJPH will verify the completeness and validity of the submitted documents. If there are any incomplete documents, the applicant will need to resubmit these documents within 5 working days, otherwise the system will automatically cancel the application.

3. Payment

BPJPH will issue an invoice that should be paid by the applicant within 7 working days, otherwise the system will automatically cancel the application. This registration fee is 800,000 IDR (approx. \$50).²

¹ Five U.S. halal certifying bodies (HCBs) have applied for BPJPH recognition.

² Head of BPJPH regulation No. 141/2021 regarding Determination of Service Rates for BPJPH's Public Service Agency

4. Issuance

BPJPH will issue a registration number for the product's foreign halal certificate.

The validity period of a halal certificate's registration number corresponds with the validity period of the halal certificate issued by the foreign HCB. Each HCB determines the validity period for its own halal certificates. In addition, the registration number will be deactivated if the HCB's accreditation with BPJPH expires.

Since the registration number is tied to a product's halal certificate, the same number can be used by other importers of that product if they receive approval from the original applicant of the registration number.

Furthermore, the same registration number can be used for other products under the same product type (see list of product types in [Ministry of Religious Affairs Regulation No. 748/2021](#)). For example, the halal certificate registration number of a company's halal yoghurt can be used for that company's halal skim milk powder and halal cheese since they all fall under the "milk and its analogue" product type. However, it is the foreign HCB's prerogative whether or not to certify a company's yoghurt, skim milk powder, and cheese all on one certificate. If the foreign HCB chooses to issue a separate halal certificate for each of these three products, then the importer will have to apply for three different registration numbers to import these three products.

Attachments:

No Attachments.