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ADVISORY TO ALL EXPORTERS AND HALAL CERTIFYING BODIES ON THE EFFECTIVITY OF THE R.A 10817 AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR)

This is to inform all exporters, Halal Certifying Bodies (CBs) and the public on the effectivity of the R.A 10817 otherwise known as the Philippine Halal Export Development and Promotion Act of 2016 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). The IRR was approved on 26 July 2017 and published on 11 August 2017. Under the law, the IRR shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Please be informed that the Philippine Accreditation Bureau of the DTI (PAB), which is mandated by law to handle the accreditation of Halal certification bodies, inspection bodies, and testing and calibration laboratories, shall be the sole agency accrediting all CBs that wish to certify products, processes and services for exports. The law provides two (2)-year grace period, from the date of the publication of the IRR, within which CBs(local or international) may apply for accreditation from PAB for the CBs to ensure that their certified products are eligible for export, after the lapse of the transition period

Please be guided that during the two year transition, any local Halal CB, with recognition abroad, may provide Halal certification of products, processes and services to any interested clients who wish to have a Halal certification. The two contracting parties (i. e. client and CB) may, by themselves, decide the terms and conditions as may be appropriate in terms of market and standards requirements.

Further, please be informed of the following implications of the Halal certified products, processes and services after the lapse of the grace period, as provided in the IRR:

- a. All Philippine products that will be exported as Halal, and processes and services whose outputs or benefits shall accrue or flow outside Philippine territory, shall (i) undergo certification from an accredited Halal certification body, (ii) comply with the appropriate Philippine National Standards for Halal as developed, or with international or foreign standards recognized, by standard setting agencies identified or mandated under R.A 10817 and (iii) be registered with the national regulatory agency concerned;
- b. No product, processes and services whose outputs or benefits accruing or flowing outside Philippine territory claimed, promoted or branded as Halal, can be allowed to be exported after two years from the start of the effectivity of this IRR, unless they have been certified by PAB-accredited Halal certification bodies or PAB-recognized foreign certification bodies.

- c. The Philippine Halal Logo, with the permission of the relevant regulatory agency, shall be affixed or used by producers, manufacturers, processors, traders, exporters, and service providers on their products, packaging, letterheads, brochures, leaflets and other forms of media after complying with the conditions set under the law;
- d. Halal certification of products, processes and services for domestic consumption or use is voluntary on the part of the producer, manufacturer, trader, retailer, or service provider; and
- e. Producers, manufacturers, traders, retailers, and service providers catering to the domestic market that have undergone voluntary certification from PAB-accredited Halal certification bodies may apply and be granted permission to use the Philippine Halal Logo on their products, establishments, or facilities.

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Thank you.



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