



ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE HALAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

Office of the Central Islamic Council of Thailand

No. 3/2569 (2026)

Subject: Guidelines for Halal Certification Inspection of Products Imported from Abroad

Whereas establishments dealing in products imported from abroad have applied for Thai halal certification for raw materials and finished products, in the case of new applications and applications for additional products during the valid halal certificate, which have either already been halal certified by a foreign certification body or, in certain cases, have not yet been halal certified, the ruling of meeting of the Halal Affairs Department No. 9/2569, held on Wednesday, 6 May 2569 (2026), resolved to approve that halal certification assessments be conducted under the following conditions:

1. Imported Finished Products

- In the case of new applications and applications for additional products which have not been halal certified by a foreign certification body, where the applicant wishes to apply for Thai halal certification, the production process must be inspected at the production site.
- In the case of new applications and applications for additional products which have been halal certified by a foreign halal certification body, and the foreign halal certificate of such halal certification body is on the list recognized by CICOT, where the applicant wishes to apply for Thai halal certification, the production process must also be inspected at the production site.
- In the case of product renewals, surveillance inspections shall be conducted at the production site once every three (3) years, or as deemed appropriate by the Halal Affairs Committee of CICOT, or on the basis of the risk level of the product.

2. Imported Raw Materials (Non-Finished Products)

- In the case of new applications and applications for additional products which have not been halal certified by a foreign certification body, where the applicant wishes to apply for Thai halal certification, the production process must be inspected at the production site for the initial application, followed by surveillance inspections every three (3) years, or as deemed appropriate by the Halal Affairs Committee of CICOT, or on the basis of the risk level of the product (pursuant to Announcement No. 4/2564 (2021)).
- In the case of new applications and applications for additional products which have been halal certified by a foreign halal certification body, and the foreign halal certificate of such halal certification body is on the list recognized by CICOT, and provided that the manufacturer and the halal certification body are located in the same country, the foreign halal certificate may be used as a reference in the application for Thai halal certification, **except in the case of risk products.**

In this regard, the fees for the assessment of product storage facilities shall be in accordance with the Regulations of the Central Islamic Council of Thailand on the Certification Inspection of Establishments, Product Inspection and Fees, B.E. 2568 (2025). Travel expenses for assessments conducted abroad shall be borne, at actual cost, by the establishment applying for halal certification.

This announcement is hereby made for general information on 6 May 2569 (2026),
and shall take effect from this date onwards.



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