



ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE HALAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

Office of the Central Islamic Council of Thailand

No. 7/2026

Subject : Importation of Meat from Abroad

In order that the halal certification of meat raw materials from abroad, such as beef, goat meat and sheep meat, shall be in accordance with Sheikul Islam of the Kingdom of Thailand Ruling No. 02/2011 on Issues Concerning the Slaughter of Animals by Various Methods, which stipulates that meat from animals that have been stunned prior to slaughter by means of a pneumatic gun, stunned by concussion, stunned by a percussive stunning device, or stunned with carbon dioxide gas is not permissible; together with the resolution of the Meeting of the Halal Affairs Department, Office of the Central Islamic Council of Thailand, No. 13/2026, held on Tuesday, 14 July 2026, which resolved not to certify meat of the aforementioned types in the case of applications for additional products or new applications;

The Halal Affairs Department of CICOT has found, through coordination with foreign halal certification bodies and a review of the laws of Australia, New Zealand and Japan, covering beef from Australia and Japan, that stunning is carried out by the aforementioned methods. However, beef, goat meat and sheep meat from New Zealand, as well as goat meat and sheep meat from Australia, are permitted, provided that electrical stunning is used under control in accordance with the Thai Agricultural Standard TAS 8400-2025 and the requirements prescribed by CICOT. In all cases, an inspection by the Halal Affairs Department of CICOT is required to ensure that the stunning method complies with the aforementioned Ruling.

This announcement is hereby made for general information, and shall take effect from 15 July 2026 onwards.

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