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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT — HAHAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

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Subject: Revision of Halal Certification Application Procedures through the CICOT Online System

The Halal Affairs Department of the Office of the Central Islamic Council of Thailand (CICOT) hereby announces revisions to the procedures for submitting Halal certification applications through the CICOT online system. The revised procedures and requirements are as follows:

1. Renewal of Halal Certification

For the renewal of all types of Halal certification after the expiration date, the online system shall remain accessible for an additional period of thirty (30) days from the date of expiration to allow applicants to submit their renewal applications and supporting documents.

Where the thirty (30)-day period has elapsed, applicants shall be required to submit a general request for consideration and authorization to reopen access to the system.

2. Criteria and Conditions for Halal Certification Applications for Distributors

2.1 Validity of the Primary Halal Certificate

The primary Halal certificate (CICOT HL), held by an entity other than the distributor, must remain valid at the time of application.

2.2 Submission of Applications

Applications for Halal certification of distributors shall be submitted through the existing user account of the product owner. The creation of a separate user account shall not be required, except in cases involving Original Equipment Manufacturing (OEM) arrangements.

2.3 Validity Period of Distributor Halal Certificates

A Halal certificate issued to a distributor shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of approval at the relevant CICOT meeting, irrespective of the expiration date of the primary Halal certificate.

2.4 Renewal and Addition of Distributors

The online system does not provide a function for the renewal of distributor Halal certificates or the addition of distributors to existing applications. Where a distributor wishes to maintain Halal certification, an application to add the same distributor shall be submitted at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration date of the existing distributor Halal certificate.

2.5 Validity of Distributor Certificates Following Expiration of the Primary Certificate

Where the primary Halal certificate has expired but the distributor's Halal certificate remains valid, the distributor may continue to use its certificate until its expiration date, provided that the products covered by the distributor's certificate were manufactured before the expiration date of the primary Halal certificate.

2.6 Factory Audits for Distributors

No additional on-site factory audit shall be required for distributor Halal certification, as the products concerned are identical to those manufactured by the original manufacturer, OEM, or other relevant entities whose products have already undergone the applicable Halal assessment.

2.7 Halal Certification Numbers

The Halal certification number assigned to a distributor shall be based on the original Halal certification number of the product owner, followed by a hyphen and the distributor's sequential identification number. For example: A001/2540-001. The individual products listed under the distributor's Halal certificate shall retain the same Halal certification numbers as those originally assigned to the products of the product owner.

2.8 Certification Fees

A certification application fee of THB 10,000 (Ten Thousand Thai Baht) shall apply to each distributor, regardless of the circumstances of the application.

This Announcement is hereby issued for general information and compliance and shall take effect from 19 March 2026 onwards.

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Original Thai announcement issued by Associate Professor Dr. Isma-ae Ali, Chairman of the Halal Affairs Department, The Central Islamic Council of Thailand.

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