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Dear Valued Certificate Holders,

CIRCULATION OF INVALID HALAL CERTIFICATES

Muis Halal Certification Strategic Unit (HCSU) has received several feedbacks / queries on the Halal certificates for smoked duck that have been circulating under '*ARA Halal Development Services Center Inc.*'.

2 We have sought clarification from ARA, the Halal Certification Body based in China, and have confirmed that ARA has changed its name to '**ARA Halal Certification Services Center Inc.**' since **June 2018**. Additionally, ARA currently **does not have any clients that are producing duck meat**. Hence, the Halal certificates for smoked duck circulating under '**ARA Halal Development Services Center Inc.**' are **invalid**. Please refer to **Appendix A** for sample pictures of the smoked ducks and a specimen of ARA Halal Development Services Center Inc. halal certificate.

3 As duck meat is categorized as a high-risk ingredient, a Halal certificate is needed to prove its Halalness. Hence, we seek your kind and urgent attention on this matter to **cease the usage and storage of smoked duck certified by 'ARA Halal Development Services Center Inc.' effective immediately**.

4 Based on the information in our database, there are other Halal ducks available from Malaysia and Thailand. You may contact our Halal certified abattoirs listed in www.singaporehalaldirectory.com for more information.

5 Please feel free to contact us for clarifications and / or assistance, if any.

6 We wish you continued success in your business and thank you for your support and continued co-operation.

Best regards,

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