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Dear Valued Certificate Holders,

HALAL CERTIFICATE EXTENSION (COVID-19 RELIEF PACKAGE)

COVID-19 pandemic has impacted many sectors of our economy severely. One of the sectors most greatly affected by COVID-19 is the food and beverages (F&B) sector. With safe distancing measures as well as current economic downturn, many businesses in this sector encounter great difficulties.

2 At the last Pro-Enterprise Panel (PEP) meeting under Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI), there were suggestions from PEP members to support businesses through the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the suggestions includes providing businesses a temporary relief to their cashflows by extending the duration of their existing licences.

3 In order to support these businesses, Muis will be granting a **free one-off 3-month extension** of Halal certificates to **businesses under the Eating Establishment (EE) and Food Preparation Area (FPA) schemes** with a **valid Halal certificate as of 1 August 2020**.

4 Eligible businesses will be able to download the **Letter of Certificate Extension** from the GoBusiness Licensing portal from 17 August 2020 onwards. Please refer to **Annex A** for the guide on downloading the abovementioned letter.

5 Please feel free to contact us for clarifications and / or assistance, if any. Alternatively, you may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) in **Annex B**.

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

Best regards,

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