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Dear Valued Certificate Holders and Applicants,

**REVISED MUIS HALAL CERTIFICATION CONDITIONS (HCC) FOR EATING ESTABLISHMENT SCHEME**

The Islamic Religious Council of Singapore (Muis) is pleased to announce the release of Version 3.0 of the Muis HCC 2022 for Eating Establishment scheme, **effective 1 December 2023**.

2 The revisions to the HCC were made after taking into account feedback from various stakeholders and have been further refined to improve transparency and efficiency of Singapore's Halal regulatory framework.

3 The key changes for the Eating Establishment (EE) Scheme are listed below:

- (i) **Blackout period after application rejection or certificate revocation**
- (ii) **Conditions for research & development (R&D)**
- (iii) **Additional conditions for marketing**
- (iv) **Definitions of Halal risk categories for ingredients**
- (v) **Revised conditions for use of Muis Halal certification mark**

The full list of changes can be found in the HCC under *Document Revision History*. The new HCC for EE Category 1 and EE Category 2 are available on our website at this [link](#). We strongly encourage all certificate holders to familiarise themselves with the updated HCC.

4 For more information, you may refer to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) in **Annex A**. If you have further enquiries, please email us at [info@muiss.gov.sg](mailto:info@muiss.gov.sg) or contact us at 6359 1199.

5 We would like to wish you continued success in your business. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Best regards,

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**  
REVISED MUIS HCC FOR EATING ESTABLISHMENT SCHEME

**1. What are the details of key changes to the HCC?**

CURRENT VERSION 2.0	1 DECEMBER 2023 VERSION 3.0
<b>(i) Blackout period after application rejection or certificate revocation</b>	
-	If an application for Halal certification is rejected or a Halal certificate is revoked, the premises will not be able to submit a new application for at least 90 days. This is called the "blackout period". Any new application submitted during this period will be automatically rejected, and any payment made for the application is non-refundable.
<b>(ii) Conditions for research &amp; development (R&amp;D)</b>	
For R&D purposes, the applicant shall submit the relevant supporting documents via email to Muis and obtain Muis' approval before R&D process is embarked.	<p>Applicants who intend to conduct research and development (R&amp;D) within the premises shall comply with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) <b>Submit a letter of undertaking to Muis via email.</b> The letter should include details on location of storage, R&amp;D production area and source of R&amp;D ingredients.</li> <li>(b) <b>Submit list of high-risk R&amp;D ingredients (refer to Annex A) with relevant supporting documents to Muis via email, if any.</b> Approval for use of these ingredients must be obtained prior to storage and R&amp;D production.</li> <li>(c) <b>Store R&amp;D ingredients in a dedicated area clearly marked with appropriate signage.</b></li> <li>(d) Maintain the following documents and records: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Updated list of R&amp;D ingredients, and its supporting documents</li> <li>ii. <b>Original invoices and delivery orders that clearly indicate the ingredients used for R&amp;D</b></li> <li>iii. <b>Records of R&amp;D production</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>All documents shall be made available upon request.</p>
<b>(iii) Additional conditions for marketing</b>	
<p>Any form of advertising, signboard, menu card / board and corporate collaterals (business cards, invoices, etc.) shall -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) not mislead on the Halal status of the establishment, menu items, products sold;</li> <li>(b) not make claims that premises beyond the scope of certification are Halal-certified;</li> <li>(c) not resemble those belonging to their non Halal-certified business entities (including logos).</li> </ul>	<p><b>The applicant must ensure</b> that all advertising, signboards, and corporate materials (such as business cards and invoices) shall <b>not</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) mislead on the Halal status of the establishment, menu items, products sold <b>including any collaborations with non Halal-certified business entities</b>;</li> <li>(b) make <b>false</b> claims that premises beyond the scope of certification are Halal-certified;</li> <li>(c) resemble those belonging to non Halal-certified business entities (including logos <b>and uniform</b>); and</li> <li>(d) <b>include elements that may offend or be insensitive towards any race or religion.</b></li> </ul>

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<b>(iv) Definitions of Halal risk categories for ingredients</b>	
-	<p><b>Low:</b> Primarily derived from non-animal sources, which are unprocessed or minimally processed</p> <p><b>Medium – Low:</b> Primarily derived from non-animal sources that go through further processing without any animal-based additives</p> <p><b>Medium – High:</b> Have been highly processed, may involve fermentation or have animal-derived substances added</p> <p><b>High:</b> Contain flavouring, gelatine or meat and its derivatives</p>
<b>(v) Revised conditions for use of Muis Halal certification mark</b>	
<p>The Muis Halal Certification Mark shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) be used only during the validity of the Muis Halal certificate;</li> <li>b) be used only for premises covered by certification;</li> <li>c) be placed in a location that will not be deemed as disrespectful;</li> <li>d) not be used in a manner that may result in misinterpretation on the scope of certification;</li> <li>e) not be used in a form that can be easily tampered (e.g. stickers or decals).</li> </ul>	<p>The Muis Halal Certification Mark shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) be used only during the validity of the Muis Halal certificate;</li> <li>b) be used only for premises covered by certification;</li> <li>c) be placed in a location that will not be deemed as disrespectful;</li> <li>d) not be used in a manner that may result in misinterpretation on the scope of certification;</li> <li>e) <b>not be visible on any materials associated with the establishment, including signages and collaterals, if not certified by Muis to prevent any false and misleading advertising of Halal Certification.</b></li> </ul>

## 2. When will the changes to the HCC take effect, and are there any exceptions?

All changes to the HCC will be effective from 1 December 2023.

This means **all certified establishments and establishments applying for certification** must comply with the updated HCC requirements by 1 December 2023. **Failure to comply with any of the revised conditions may result in non-compliance and could potentially affect the certification status of the establishment.**

## 3. How can I access the revised HCC documents for Eating Establishment scheme?

The new HCC for EE Category 1 and EE Category 2 are available on our website at this [link](#).

## 4. Who can I contact if I have more questions?

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