

Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura Halal Certification Conditions

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POULTRY SCHEME



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FOREWORD

Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura

The Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura (Muis), also known as the 'Islamic Religious Council of Singapore', was established in 1968 pursuant to the enactment of the Administration of Muslim Law Act. Muis is a statutory board under the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth and is in charge of Muslim affairs in Singapore. Among others, Muis issues Halal certificates and regulates the Singapore Halal industry. More information on Muis' roles and responsibilities are available at www.muis.gov.sg.

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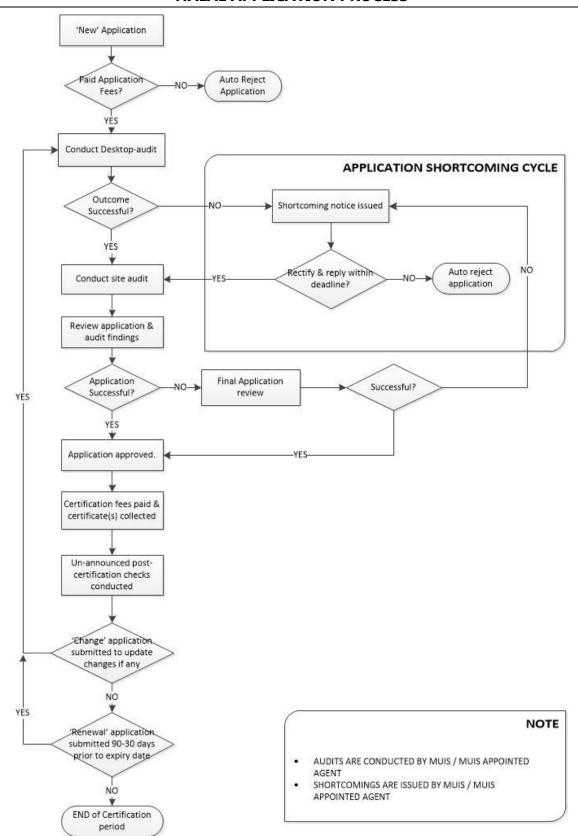
- 88A (1) The Majlis may issue halal certificates in relation to any product, service or activity and regulate the holders of such certificates to ensure that the requirements of the Muslim law are complied with in the production, processing, marketing or display of that product, the provision of that service or the carrying out of that activity.
- (3) The Majlis may, in issuing a halal certificate, impose such condition as it thinks fit and may at any time vary, remove or add to such condition.
- (5) Any person who, without the approval of the Majlis:
 - i) issues a Halal certificate in relation to any product, service or activity; or
- ii) uses any specified Halal certification mark or any colourable imitation thereof, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or both
- (6) The Majlis may, in granting approval to any person to issue any Halal certificate or to use any specified Halal certification mark, impose such condition as it thinks fit and may at any time vary, remove or add to such condition.
- (7) The Majlis may revoke or suspend its approval granted to any person to issue any Halal certificate or to use any specified Halal certification mark if that person fails to comply with any condition imposed under subsection (6).

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HALAL APPLICATION PROCESS



HALAL CERTIFICATION CONDITIONS

1. GE	1. GENERAL INFORMATION				
1.1	The conditions set out in this document shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Muis Halal Certification Conditions". All annexes to these Muis Halal Certification Conditions shall be deemed to be incorporated in and form an integral part hereof. Words or phrases in these Muis Halal Certification Conditions that are defined in Annex D – Glossary shall bear their defined meaning unless the context otherwise requires.	Muis Halal Certification Conditions			
1.2	All companies / establishments applying for a Halal certification from Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura (Muis), may, upon fully complying to the Muis Halal Certification Conditions, be issued a Muis Halal certificate (the "Halal certificate") and allowed the use of Muis Halal certification mark (the "Halal certification mark") upon the terms and subject to conditions provided therein.	General information			
1.3	All applications are subject to the prevailing Muis Halal Certification Conditions.	Subject to Conditions			
1.4	The applicant is deemed to have agreed to divulge its company's information to Muis and/or Muis-appointed agent and adhere to the Muis Halal Certification Conditions upon submitting an application to Muis.	Agreement by applicant			
1.5	All applications shall be processed with strictest confidence.	Confidentiality of applications			
1.6	The Poultry scheme shall be applicable to selected fresh whole poultry which are slaughtered in Singapore	Poultry Scheme eligibility			
1.7	The Poultry scheme shall NOT be applicable to: 1. Poultry cut pieces (For these, applicant shall apply under the Product Scheme); 2. Poultry slaughtered outside Singapore.	Poultry Scheme eligibility			
1.8	The scope of certification shall include Poultry feed, transportation, receiving, stunning, slaughtering, scalding, de-feathering, evisceration, labelling, sorting and storage of poultry.	Scope of certification			

2. AF	2. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS				
2.1	The applicant shall read, understand and adhere to the Muis Halal Certification Conditions upon submission of the application.	Advice before submitting application			
2.2	Any request for waiver of the Muis Halal Certification Conditions shall be submitted in writing using the form provided by Muis.	Request for waiver of Conditions			
2.3	All applications for the issue of a Halal certificate by Muis shall be made through the Muis eHalal System (MeS) at https://www.halal.sg/ehalalv2/login.aspx. Incomplete and/or incorrect entries on the MeS shall disqualify the application.	Mode of application submission			
2.4	 The applicant shall submit a New application if: Its current location has not been previously Halal-certified by Muis; It has expanded manufacturing operation in another location and intends to obtain Halal certification for the products manufactured in the other location; Its existing Halal certificate has expired; It is not able to submit a Renewal application via the MeS; Its previously submitted application was rejected; Its Halal certificate had been cancelled. 	Submission of New application			
2.5	The applicant shall submit a Change application if it is an existing Halal certificate holder and has updates to be made to the application details submitted earlier through the MeS (e.g. contact information, particulars of Muslim personnel, names of product or menu items, details of raw materials, processing aids, and / or additives, etc.)	Submission of Change application			
2.6	The applicant shall submit a Renewal application if it intends to renew its Halal certificate. Submission of Renewal application is only accepted by the MeS <u>90 - 30</u> days before expiry of the existing Halal certificate. The applicant shall, however, submit a New application if the application is made <u>less than 30 days</u> before the expiry of existing Halal certificate and this is subject to a NON-REFUNDABLE application fee.	Submission of Renewal application			
2.7	The applicant shall pay a NON-REFUNDABLE application fee by cash or cheque at Muis office or online through the MeS or any other means made available by Muis within 7 days of submitting its New application. Failing this, the application shall be automatically rejected without further notice. No application fee is required for Change or Renewal application.	Payment of non-refundable application fee			

2.8	Details of all products, raw materials, additives and processing aids shall be declared through the MeS. These details shall include, but not limited to, the item description as well as names of the manufacturers, suppliers and Halal certification bodies.	Information required in Muis eHalal System
2.9	The applicant shall ensure and provide documentation to prove the poultry are grain / corn fed and not injected with any harmones while breeding.	Poultry feed and breeding
2.10	All products applied for certification by Muis shall reflect the exact names printed on the packaging (including brandname, product description and product code). Similar products bearing different brand names and/or product descriptions shall be treated as separate products.	Consistency of information in Muis eHalal System
	 Note: Whole chicken (big) and Whole chicken (small) are considered 2 separate products if the word 'big' or 'small' is indicated on the packaging; Poultry cut pieces shall indicate the type of pieces e.g. Chicken wings or chicken leg or chicken drumstick etc. are considered separate product by themselves; ABC Chicken drumstick and XYZ chicken drumstick are considered 2 separate products; Chicken drumstick and chicken leg are two different products. 	
2.11	Where the same business name is used by the applicant and another entity/other entities under licence/franchise from the owner of the business name, the applicant shall submit halal certification applications for all entity(ies) concurrently.	Application for all chain / franchise outlets
2.12	 In addition to the Poultry scheme, the applicant shall also apply for: The Product scheme if the business carries out processing, packing and selling of cut poultry pieces; The Central Kitchen Scheme if the business carries out semi processing (e.g. marinating) of poultry to be supplied to its central kitchen and/or retail food establishments that are Halal certified; The Product Scheme if the business carries out semi processing (e.g. marinating) of poultry to be supplied to any central kitchen and/or retail food establishments that are not Halal certified; The Storage Facility scheme if its products / raw materials are stored offsite; Short Term sub-scheme if the applicant / Halal certificate holder operates a temporary food stall at a bazaar, exposition, etc. Any other relevant scheme for related activities conducted offsite or onsite as deemed necessary by Muis. 	Application for multiple schemes

	7. Any other relevant scheme(s) as deemed necessary by Muis.	
2.13	For contract-slaughtered poultry sold as whole chicken & cut pieces: 1. The contract poultry abattoir shall be Halal-certified or have applied for Halal certification; 2. Either the contract poultry abattoir or brand owner shall be the applicant if the product packaging bears both of their names; 3. The brand owner shall be the applicant if the product packaging bears only the brand owner's name; 4. If the brand owner distributes whole chicken with their brand name the Halal poultry shall be tagged with Halal tags bearing the brand owners name according to Muis specifications. 5. If the brand owner distributes chicken cut pieces with their brand name, product scheme application shall be submitted by the brand owner. All other requirements relating to product scheme shall apply. Note: 1. If the packaging reads as below, either the contract manufacturer (XYZ Pte Ltd) or brand owner (ABC Supermarket) shall be the applicant: Manufactured By: XYZ P/L Packed For: ABC Poultry 2. If the packaging reads as below, then the brand owner (ABC Poultry) shall be the applicant:	Requirements for contract-manufactured products
	Packed For : ABC Poultry	
2.14	 For submission of Halal application via the MeS, the applicant shall: Register a MeS account using the same company name as registered with ACRA; Submit a single MeS ticket for all products to be Halal-certified that are manufactured at the same premises; Submit multiple MeS tickets, under the same MeS account, for all products to be Halal-certified that are manufactured at separate locations (i.e. If applicant operates / engages 2 or more contract manufacturers at separate venues, then 2 or more MeS tickets shall be submitted under the same MeS account); Submit multiple MeS tickets, under the same MeS account, for different 	Accounts / tickets created in Muis eHalal System

	certification schemes.	
2.15	The applicant shall declare any other businesses operated by the applicant or its holding company to Muis.	Declaration of other businesses or holding company
2.16	The applicant may be advised to change the scheme and/or subject to additional requirements as Muis deems fit.	Additional requirements if necessary
2.17	The applicant shall take ownership and bear responsibility for its application at all times.	Ownership and responsibility
3. GE	NERAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS	
3.1	The applicant shall be licenced by the National Environment Agency (NEA), Agrifood & Veterinary Authority (AVA) or Health Sciences Authority (HSA), whichever is applicable.	License by NEA, AVA or HSA
3.2	The applicant shall clearly demarcate the scope of certification by labelling and submitting a copy of the floor plan to Muis and/or Muis-appointed agent. This shall also be kept at the premises at all times for audit purposes.	Demarcation of scope of certification
3.3	There shall be no cross-mixing of Halal poultry with those that are doubtful or non-Halal.	No cross- mixing
3.4	A laboratory analysis report according to Muis' requirements may be required by Muis and/or Muis-appointed agent to confirm that the poultry are Halal. The selection of laboratory and procedure for product sampling shall be decided by Muis. The applicant shall bear all costs of the laboratory testing.	Laboratory analysis
3.5	All production lines, kitchen areas, cold rooms, chillers, equipment, crockery, utensils, dishwashing facilities, etc. that are used in the handling of Halal poultry and have previously come into direct contact with pork, dog meat and/or their derivatives shall be declared and subjected to ritual cleansing by Muis and/or Muis-appointed agent.	Ritual cleansing
3.6	There shall be dedicated and clearly demarcated production lines, storage areas and equipment for the handling and processing of Halal poultry.	Dedicated and clear demarcation during handling and processing

3.7	Every product, raw material, additive and processing aid stored, used, sold and which is within the scope of certification shall be properly packed, sealed and labelled with the product description, product code (if any), manufacturer's name and plant address for traceability and audit purposes. Note: It is advisable that products, raw materials, additives and processing aids that are Halal-certified bear a Halal certification mark on the packaging for ease of verification.	Proper packing, sealing and labelling
3.8	All Halal poultry shall be physically segregated from those that are non-Halal or doubtful during transportation to the premises to which Halal certification relates.	Physical segregation during transportation
3.9	The applicant shall comply with the Singapore Muis Halal Quality Management System (HalMQ), comprising these 10 principles:	Singapore Muis Halal Quality Management System (HalMQ)
	 a. The Halal Team shall comprise the Halal Team Leader, the Muslim Representative and other members from multi-disciplinary background with relevant knowledge and expertise; b. Each Halal Team member shall be officially appointed and informed of his / her roles and responsibilities in the form of an Appointment Letter, which is signed by the Management and the Halal Team member as proofs of appointment and acceptance, respectively; c. The Halal Team Leader and Muslim Representative shall successfully complete a mandatory Halal training programme by Muis-appointed Training provider; d. The Terms of Reference of the Halal Team shall include developing a HalMQ plan as well as implementing and maintaining an effective Halal system. It shall also be responsible in ensuring that the applicant's staff are aware of the Muis Halal Certification Conditions. Note: For contract-slaughtered poultry, the brand owner need not establish a Halal team but shall appoint a Company Representative to ensure that the products processed at the contract manufacturer's plant comply with the Muis Halal Certification Conditions. 	HalMQ 1 – Halal Team

2. Define the Product / Nature of Business The Halal Team shall maintain a list of all products as well as details of the raw materials, processing aids and additives stored within the scope of certification such as the names of their manufacturers, suppliers and agencies that certify the items as Halal.	HalMQ 2 – Product / nature of business
 a. The Halal Team shall clearly identify every step involved in the relevant operations; b. The Halal Team should incorporate all these steps in a flow chart and confirm it against the actual operation by conducting on-site inspections. 	HalMQ 3 – Flow chart
 4. Identify Halal Threats & their Control Measures a. Using the flow chart, the Halal Team shall identify and list all possible Halal threats at every step in the relevant operations; b. The Halal Team shall also identify and list the necessary control measures to eliminate these Halal threats. Note: Abattoirs practicing Halal and non-Halal slaughtering shall ensure that the offals of non-Halal poultry are segregated from the offals of Halal slaughtered poultry with proper labelling. 	HalMQ 4 – Halal threats and control measures
 5. Determine Halal Assurance Points (HAPs), their Allowable Limits & Prescribed Practices a. The Halal team shall identify the HAPs in operations that are vital for ensuring the Halalness of products. b. Allowable limits and prescribed practices shall be established for all HAPs. 	HalMQ 5 – Halal Assurance Points
 6. Establish Monitoring System for each HAP a. The Halal Team shall establish monitoring systems for each HAP, including who should act, when, how and what corrective actions shall be taken should there be a deviation from the specified allowable limits and prescribed practices. b. The monitoring system shall be able to detect any sign of loss of control 	HalMQ 6 – Monitoring system

at the HAP.	Some	HAPs	may	be	monitored	by	quantitative
measurements,	e.g. volta	ige of	stunni	ng, d	or observation	on a _l	oproach, e.g.
Halal certification	n mark o	n packa	aging (of ra	w material.		

c. Staff assigned at the HAPs, shall be given a proper briefing on the prevailing Muis Halal Certification Conditions for their information and strict compliance.

7. Establish Corrective Actions for each HAP

- a. Corrective action for each HAP has to be developed whenever monitoring indicates that a deviation from the allowable limit and prescribed practices has occurred.
- b. These corrective actions shall be able to control the HAP within its specified allowable limits and prescribed practices.
- c. A specific action plan shall also be developed to restore control and dispose the affected product. Under such circumstances, it is essential that the Halal team is informed so that a clear chain of command can be issued.

8. <u>Establish Documentation & Record-keeping System</u>

The Halal team shall establish and maintain the following documentations and records for purpose of audit:

General -

- Licence from the National Environment Agency (NEA), Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) or Health Sciences Authority (HSA), whichever applicable
- Floor plan indicating the scope of certification

Products / Raw Materials / Processing Aids / Trading Items -

- Updated MeS Master-print
- Daily slaughtering schedule for Halal and non-Halal poultry
- Halal poultry marks
- 3 6 month records of usage of Halal poultry marks. The information shall include, but not limited to, the serial number, name and signature of Muslim Representative, date of use or discard of Halal poultry marks
- 3 6 month records of Notice of Approval of Halal Poultry Marks collected from Muis, The Notice of Approval shall bear proof of endorsement by Muis (with signature, name and date) and proof of verification by the Muslim Representative (with signature, name and date)

HalMQ 7 – Corrective actions

HalMQ 8 – Documentation and records

- 3-6 months record of Halal slaughtered poultry including information such as:
 - a. Live poultry purchase & customs clearance record
 - b. Halal slaughtering batch date and time
 - c. Number of Halal poultry slaughtered in the respective batch
 - d. Number of poultry discarded as non-Halal due to improper slaughtering.
- 3 6 month records of delivery orders of poultry to customers
- Copy of completed form provided by Muis stating the list of trading items

Halal Team / Muslim Personnel -

- Terms of Reference of Halal Team
- Appointment letters of Halal Team members stating their roles & responsibilities counter signed by the respective Halal Team members
- Valid Halal training certificates for the Halal Team Leader and Muslim Representative
- Valid Halal slaughtering training certificates for all Muslim slaughterers
- Employment letters of at least 2 Muslim personnel

Halal System -

- Process flow chart
- HalMQ plan (Refer to <u>Annex B</u>)
- Records of compliance and any changes to HalMQ plan
- Minutes of Halal Team meetings
- Internal audit records

Others -

- Incident reports
- Any communications from Muis
- Halal periodic inspection reports, if any

Note:

For contract-slaughtered poultry, the documentations and records shall be kept at the contract abattoir premises for audit purpose.

9. Verify the Halal System

Verification shall include checking records and operational compliance of the following:

a. Monitoring systems;

HalMQ 9 – Verify system

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	b. Personnel compliance to the HAPs operations;	
	c. Deviations and effectiveness of corrective actions taken;	
	d. Random sampling;	
	e. Audit reports.	
	10. Review the Halal System	HalMQ 10 – Review system
	The Halal system shall be reviewed periodically, at least once every year.	
	However, an immediate review of the system is necessary when any of the	
	following occurs:	
	a. Control measures are ineffective;	
	b. Change in the Halal Team;	
	c. Changes are made to the monitoring schedules;	
	d. Change in the operations;	
	e. Change in the allowable limits and prescribed practices within the HAPs;	
	f. Internal audit findings.	
	assigned at the HAPs, one of whom shall be appointed as the "Muslim Representative". The Muslim Representative shall hold at least a supervisory position. Note: 1. Appointment of Halal Consultant as Muslim personnel of the applicant is subject to Muis' approval. 2. Halal Consultant if approved by Muis and employed as a Muslim personnel, may only be treated as the Muslim Representative of the applicant for only one location. 3. The Halal Consultant shall be employed on a permanent basis by the applicant for the duration of the validity period of the Halal certificate. The employment contract copy shall be kept in the Halal file. 4. A copy of the Halal Consultants duty roster & time sheet / card shall be maintained in the Halal file for at least 6 months commencing from [●].	personnel
3.11	 The Muslim Representative shall, among others, be responsible for the following: Advise the company / establishment on Halal food matters as well as cultural and religious sensitivities relating to them; Spearhead or assist in complying with the Muis Halal Certification Conditions; Monitor the Halal Assurance Points; 	Responsibilities of Muslim representative
	4. Verify all incoming Halal poultry marks to ensure that they have been prior-	

3.12	6.	approved by Muis. The Muslim Representative shall verify and indicate his / her signature, name and date on the Notice of Approval of Halal Poultry Mark issued by Muis; Safe-keep and control all Halal poultry marks and to ensure that the marks are tagged on the Halal chicken immediately upon slaughter and that they are correctly dated; Attend to customers on Halal-related queries.	Halal
	_	gone a mandatory Halal slaughtering course and passed the assessment cted by Muis Academy.	slaughterer eligibility
3.13	out his	ny reason, Muis finds any Halal slaughterer to be incompetent or fail to carry s / her duties in accordance to Islamic requirements, the slaughterer shall be ed from performing his / her Halal slaughtering duties immediately.	Removal from Halal slaughtering duties Monitoring of
3.14	Halal A	Sorting of poultry The Muslim personnel shall check before slaughtering takes place that the poultry are still alive. Dead poultry shall be properly segregated and disposed.	Halal assurance points
	2.	a) Only water bath (electric) stunning shall be allowed. b) The Muslim personnel shall ensure that the voltage is sufficient enough to stun the poultry but not kill it due to high voltage. The Muslim personnel shall periodically monitor the stunning voltage and assess the condition of the stunned poultry, where necessary. It is advisable that a test be conducted, prior to carrying out any commercial Halal slaughtering, to ensure that the stunning voltage is Halal-compliant. Note: Test to be conducted gradually from a lower voltage to a higher voltage.	
	3.	Slaughtering of poultry Muis-trained and qualified Muslim slaughterers shall comply strictly with the Halal slaughtering methods by cutting completely the poultry's windpipe, gullet, carotid artery and jugular vein using a sharp object (e.g. knife) and to inflict a precise cut only once. The qualified Muslim slaughterers shall switch duties with other qualified Muslim slaughterers	

regularly to maintain full concentration.

Note:

Improperly slaughtered poultry shall be removed and tagged as non-Halal immediately by the Muslim representative.

4. **Before scalding**

Before the poultry is put into boiling water, the Muslim personnel shall ensure that the poultry is dead due to a deep cut in the windpipe, gullet and jugular vein. If the windpipe, gullet, carotid artery or jugular vein is not completely severed or if the poultry is not dead, then the poultry shall be removed before the scalding process.

5. Removal of offals

The Muslim personnel shall ensure that there is no cross-mixing of Halal and non-Halal offal. When alternating Halal and non-Halal slaughter the offal's of non-Halal slaughter shall be removed and segregated from the location before proceeding with the Halal slaughter. Packaging used for Halal offal's shall be clearly distinguished with proper marking from those that are for the non-Halal offal's.

6. Tagging of poultry with Halal certification mark

The Muslim personnel shall ensure that all Halal-slaughtered poultry are tagged with Muis-approved Halal poultry mark immediately after slaughtering. The Muslim personnel shall also ensure that the Halal poultry marks are correctly dated with the date of slaughter.

7. Transportation of Halal poultry

The Muslim personnel shall ensure that all Halal slaughtered poultry is properly tagged, packed and sealed before placing them in the crates that are meant for Halal poultry transportation.

4. SPECIAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1 Applicant that deals with the trading of items shall comply with these additional requirements:
 - 1. Declare list of trading items using the form provided by Muis;
 - 2. Ensure that they are placed in a dedicated and clearly demarcated area outside the scope of certification;
 - 3. Ensure that none of the trading items involve pork, alcohol and/or their derivatives;
 - 4. Processing if any of trading items shall be done outside the scope of

Additional requirements for companies dealing with trading items

	certification.	
4.2	 Applicant shall comply with these additional requirements should it utilise an abattoir belonging to another party, for the processing of its own Halal poultry: Appoint a company representative to conduct regular audits at the abattoir and ensure that the Muis Halal Certification Conditions are complied with; Have dedicated poultry labels, separate from those belonging to the abattoir owner, that indicate the applicant's brand and establishment name. 	Contract slaughtering
4.3	 Applicant that have a dedicated staff pantry and/or R&D laboratory within the premises applied for certification shall comply with the following additional requirements: The pantry and/or laboratory shall be clearly segregated and demarcated from with proper signage; The pantry and/or laboratory shall be clearly indicated in the floor plan; The pantry and/or laboratory shall not be included in the scope of certification but not excluded from the scope of audit; Any non-Halal or doubtful food and/or products for staff consumption and/or R&D purpose shall not be placed within the scope of certification; Any storage areas, equipment, crockery, utensils, dishwashing facilities, etc. used for the handling of food consumed in the pantry or for personal consumption or for R&D purpose shall be separated from the scope of certification. 	Staff pantry and R&D laboratory
4.4	Applicant that engages an external storage facility provider to store the raw materials for which the Halal certification relates to shall appoint a company representative to conduct regular audits and ensure that the Muis Halal Certification Conditions are complied with.	Appointment of external storage facility provider
5. AP	PLICATION PROCESSING	
5.1	 Within 14 working days from the date of receipt of the application fee for New (normal) application; Within 7 working days from the date of receipt of the application fee for New (express) application; Within 14 working days from the date of application submission for Change and Renewal applications. 	Duration of application processing

5.2	The applicant shall give full co-operation at ALL times (Pre, During and Post Certification) by providing any information required by Muis and/or Muis-appointed agent for the purpose of Halal certification.	Full cooperation by applicant
5.3	The applicant shall, upon submission of application, access the MeS regularly for review of the application status, shortcoming notices and audit reports.	Monitoring of application
5.4	 Conduct a presentation on the company's / establishment's corporate profile, including its holding company, subsidiaries, nature of business, process flow chart, layout, composition of Halal Team, Halal system, etc.; Submit relevant documentation for purpose of desktop audit, prior to the site audit. 	Requirement for additional information
5.5	The applicant shall prepare for a site audit by Muis and/or Muis-appointed agent upon submission of its application after the applicant has commenced operation. The site audit is conducted only upon successful outcome of the desktop audit. Repeat audits may be conducted, as and when necessary. Note: For contract-slaughtered poultry, site audit shall be conducted at the poultry abattoir where the slaughtering will be conducted; For contract-manufactured products: 1. The site audit shall be conducted at the contract manufacturer's premises; 2. The Brand owner's representative shall be present during the certification audit. 3. If the Brand owner is the applicant, they shall ensure the contract manufacturer is ready for the audit.	Commencement of site audit
5.6	The applicant is strongly advised to request for the auditor's / inspector's staff ID prior to allowing any person entry into their premises.	Request for auditor's / inspector's staff ID
5.7	During the site audit, there are a number of process steps undertaken: 1. Opening meeting; 2. Documentation review; 3. Site tour; 4. Interview of Halal Team and Muslim personnel;	Site audit process

	5. Checking of audit trails and further verification of documents;6. Final evaluation of findings by the auditor;7. Closing meeting.	
5.8	All members of the Halal Team shall be present during the site audit and ensure that all documentations required for the purpose of Halal certification are made available.	Presence of Halal Team members
	Note: Brand owner's company representative who has been appointed to conduct regular audits at the contract manufacturer's / slaughterer's premises and to ensure that the Muis Halal Certification Conditions are complied with shall be present during the audit at the contract manufacturer's /slaughterer's premises.	
5.9	The applicant shall be notified on its application status via the MeS or by any other modes of communications selected by Muis at its discretion.	Notification on application status
5.10	The applicant shall be notified of its application shortcomings via the Primary eMail Address that it has registered in the MeS.	Shortcoming notices
5.11	The applicant shall rectify and <u>reply via MeS</u> all shortcomings within the deadline stipulated by Muis and/or Muis-appointed agent. Failing this, the application shall be rejected without further notice.	Rectification of shortcomings
5.12	For all shortcoming notices generated by the MeS, the applicant shall update the MeS within the deadline stipulated by Muis and/or Muis-appointed agent on the rectification measures taken. Failing this, the application shall be automatically rejected without further notice.	Updating of Muis eHalal System on rectifications made
5.13	Should the applicant require more time to rectify the shortcomings, the request shall be made to Muis and/or Muis-appointed agent via MeS before the given deadline. Muis and/or Muis-appointed agent shall at its discretion grant or refuse such requests.	Extension of shortcoming deadline
5.14	The application shall be approved only after considering the applicant's track record and Muis is satisfied that the applicant is able to adhere to Muis Halal Certification Conditions.	Application approval
5.15	Muis shall, at its discretion, decide on the certification duration, type of scheme and other conditions for approval of the application.	Discretion by Muis

5.16	Within 14 working days from the date of notice for collection of Halal certificate and invoice issued, the applicant shall collect the Halal certificate from Muis office, and in exchange therefor the applicant shall pay the full NON-REFUNDABLE certification fee. Failing such collection and payment, the Halal certificate shall be automatically cancelled without further notice to the applicant.	Certificate collection				
5.17	The applicant shall be subjected to the full NON-REFUNDABLE certification fee should it decide to cancel the application upon its approval.	Cancellation of application upon approval				
5.18	Payments shall be made by cash, cheque or Nets or any other mode of payment made available or agreeable by Muis, during / prior collection of the certificate. Cheque payment shall be crossed and made payable to the 'Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura'.	Payment upon certificate collection				
5.19	Where a cheque payment is dishonored by the bank, the applicant shall make the payment by cash or NETS within 5 working days from the date notice of dishonor is given to the applicant by Muis. Failing such payment, the Halal certificate shall be automatically cancelled without further notice to the applicant and the applicant shall return the cancelled Halal certificate to Muis within 7 working days from the date notice of dishonor.					
5.20	 The application shall be rejected under these circumstances, but not limited to: Application made via other means apart from the MeS; Incomplete or inaccurate submission; No fee paid within the stipulated deadline; Failure to respond to the application shortcomings within stipulated deadline; Non-compliance with the Muis Halal Certification Conditions; Applicant is serving a suspension period imposed by Muis; Pending outcome of investigation for suspected breach of the Law or Muis Halal Certification Conditions in relation to an earlier Halal certificate issued; 	Application rejection				
5.21	If the application is rejected, the applicant may re-submit a fresh application, which shall be subjected to the prevailing non-refundable application fee, audit by Muis and/or Muis-appointed agent and the Muis Halal Certification Conditions.	Submission of fresh application after rejection				

5.22	In the case of application for multiple products, franchise or chain outlets, food stations, central kitchens and their related entities or businesses, approval shall be granted concurrently. Non-compliance detected in any of the product, outlet, food station, central kitchen or their related entity or business may affect the approval of other related applications.	Implications on related applications if non-compliances detected
5.23	If the application(s) for multiple products, franchise or chain outlets, food stations, central kitchen and/or related entities or businesses are rejected, the applicant shall submit a New application for each of the rejected applications within 7 working days from the date of rejection, failing which, the certification status of its other existing Halal-certified products, outlets, food stations, central kitchen and/or related entities or businesses may be affected. All such New applications shall be subjected to the prevailing non-refundable application fee, audit by Muis and/or Muis-appointed agent and the Muis Halal Certification Conditions.	Re-submission of New applications for related products, outlets, central kitchens or businesses that were earlier rejected
5.24	If the Halal certificate for any outlet belonging to a franchise or chain outlets, food stations, central kitchen and/or related entities or businesses is cancelled, the applicant shall submit a new application within 7 working days from the date of cancellation of the Halal certificate, failing which, the certification status of its other existing Halal-certified outlets, food stations, central kitchen and/or related entities or businesses may be affected. All such New applications shall be subjected to the prevailing non-refundable application fee, audit by Muis and/or Muis-appointed agent and the Muis Halal Certification Conditions.	Re-submission of New applications for related outlets, central kitchens or businesses that were earlier approved and cancelled.
6. PO	ST CERTIFICATION	
6.1	The Muis Halal Certification Conditions have to be adhered to at all times.	Compliance at all times
6.2	Muis and/or Muis-appointed agent shall conduct unannounced periodic inspections as and when necessary following the award of Halal certificate.	Unannounced checks
6.3	If non-compliance is detected during the periodic inspection, the certificate holder shall conduct rectification measures and any other required actions within the stipulated deadline.	Rectification of non-compliances
6.4	All application details in the MeS shall be kept up-to-date at all times. Changes to the application details including contact information, particulars of Muslim personnel, and names of products as well as details of raw materials, processing aids, additives, suppliers and /or foreign Halal certifying bodies shall be submitted via the MeS under Change application.	Updated application details at all times

6.5	Pursuant to clause 5.10, the certificate holder shall update its Primary eMail Address in the MeS as and when there are changes.						
	Note: Communications relating to Halal certification applications will be done only via email to the last known email address in the MeS.						
6.6	The certificate holder shall inform Muis of any change in ownership, size of premises and layout at least 30 working days before the changes are implemented.	Change of ownership, premises size and layout					
6.7	In the event of a change in the address of the certificate holder:	Change of address					
	 The existing Halal certificate is automatically cancelled / invalid and shall be returned to Muis within 7 working days from the date of relocation; No Halal related claims shall be made at this new location prior to obtaining a Halal certificate; For chain or franchise outlets, the certificate holder shall submit a new application within 7 working days from the opening date of a new outlet or from the date of relocation; For non-chain outlets or outlets that do not bear the same business name as their other Halal-certified outlets, related entities or businesses, the certificate holder may submit a new application should it wish to obtain certification for the premises in the new location. 						
6.8	No other operator or company shall be allowed usage of the certificate holder's premises without the prior written approval of Muis which approval may be refused absolutely or given on such terms Muis may at its discretion deems fit.	Usage of premises by external parties					
6.9	In the event of a public feedback, whether by way of a complaint or otherwise, the certificate holder shall account to Muis and provide a written explanation within 5 working days of Muis' written request.	Explanation on public feedback					
6.10	Muis and/or Muis-appointed agent may collect relevant samples, photographs or other materials for purpose of investigation.	Evidence collection					
6.11	The certificate holder shall be solely responsible for monitoring the expiry date of the Halal certificate and submitting a Renewal application if he wishes to renew the Halal certificate. Any Renewal application shall be submitted not earlier than 90 days and not later than 30 days before expiry of the Halal certificate.						
12	Muis may send automated email reminders to the Primary eMail Address registered in the Muis Halal System (MeS) subject to the systems functionality.	Automated reminders to					

	However, pursuant to Condition 6.11, Muis does not undertake any responsibility of ensuring that the automated email reminders to the registered Primary eMail Address in the MeS, reach and/or are communicated to the intended recipient.	registered email address
6.13	The certificate holder shall ensure that all information in the MeS are updated prior to submitting a Change or Renewal application.	Updated details for Change or Renewal applications
7. PU	BLICITY	
7.1	Any packaging, publicity and advertising, menu card / board, corporate collateral (signboards, business cards, invoices, delivery orders, etc.), found online and offline, that may mislead on the Halal status of the company / establishment, products, menu items, raw materials and processing aids shall not be allowed.	Publicity
	Note: Company certified under Poultry scheme shall not claim that any poultry or its byproducts, entities or businesses beyond the scope of certification are Halal-certified. For example, the company shall not: a) Make Halal claims on non-Halal slaughtered poultry and / or their offals as Halal, regardless of who have slaughtered them; b) Display a Halal certification mark on the delivery vans, as the abattoir is not Halal certified; c) Display a Halal certification mark on the invoices, delivery orders, website, etc., as the abattoir is not Halal-certified. Use of the Halal certification mark shall be specific to the Halal-certified products only.	
7.2	No Halal-related claims shall be made prior to obtaining a Halal certificate, upon expiry or cancellation of Halal certificate or during the suspension or revocation of Muis' approval to issue any Halal certificate or use any specified Halal certification mark.	No misleading claim
7.3	The applicant / certificate holder shall not use any packaging, menu cards, posters, advertisements, and signboards, printed or published materials that resemble those belonging to their non Halal-certified business entities.	No usage of identical printed or published materials
	Note: Any logo and/or signage belonging to a company's Halal-certified and non Halal-certified subsidiaries have to be easily differentiated by the public.	

7.4	Muis shall, at its discretion, publish a certification status listing of all certificate holders as it deems fit with such details as it deems fit.	Status listing of certificate holders
8. M	JIS HALAL CERTIFICATE / CERTIFICATION MARK / HALAL POULTRY MARK	
8.1	The Halal certificate shall be issued to the applicant considering the applicant's track record and only if Muis is satisfied that the applicant is able to adhere to Muis Halal Certification Conditions, approval of the application, full payment of the certification fees in addition to any outstanding dues as advised by Muis and return of any expired Muis Halal Certificate.	Issuance of certificate
8.2	The Halal certificate issued is valid for the period stipulated therein, which is renewable and subject to the prevailing Muis Halal Certification Conditions.	Validity of certificate
8.3	The certificate holder shall be responsible in ensuring that the Halal certificate and Halal certification mark are not misused in any manner.	Responsibility to safeguard against misuse
8.4	The Halal certificate is the property of Muis. The certificate holder shall be held responsible for the certificate issued to him / her. The certificate holder shall return the Halal certificate to Muis immediately upon demand.	Certificate is the property of Muis
8.5	The Halal certificate and/or any part thereof is NOT TRANSFERABLE.	Non-transferable certificate
8.6	The Halal certificate issued shall not be displayed outside the certified premises.	No display of certificate outside premises
8.7	Photocopied and/or expired Halal certificate shall not be displayed at all times.	No display of photocopied / expired certificate
8.8	Expired Halal certificate shall be returned to Muis <u>no later than 7 working days</u> from the date of expiry.	Return of expired original certificate
8.9	The certificate holder shall immediately lodge a police report for any loss of the Halal certificate and forward a copy of the police report to Muis.	Loss of certificate
8.10	In the event of a loss or damage of Halal certificate or any other reasons requiring additional certificate, the certificate holder shall submit a request for 'Certified True Copy' of the Halal certificate using the form provided by Muis, subject to approval	'Certified True Copy' of certificate

	and service fee.						
8.11	The Halal certification mark and/or any part of it is the property of Muis, the certificate holder shall ensure that all parties interested to use and reproduce the Halal certification mark and/or any part thereof in any kind or form shall obtain written prior approval from Muis before using or reproducing the same, which appeal may be rejected absolutely or given on such terms as Muis deems fit.	Approval before using or reproducing certificate / mark					
8.12	The certificate holder shall adhere to the specifications of the Halal certification mark provided by Muis upon request.	Adherence to specifications of mark					
8.13	The certificate holder shall adhere to the requirement for the printing and usage of Halal poultry mark provided by Muis in Annex C.						
8.13	The certificate holder shall not use the Halal certification mark in forms that can be easily tampered (e.g. stickers, decals).	No usage of easily-tampered mark					
8.15	Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, in the event that the certificate holder is found to:	Suspension / revocation of certificate					
	 Have breached any of the Muis Halal Certification Conditions; Have made Make or cause to make any false or fraudulent declaration, certification or representation, either in writing or otherwise; Have its operating licence issued by NEA, AVA or HSA, whichever is applicable, suspended; Have ceased to carry on its business or threatens to do so; Have appointed over all or any part of the assets or undertake a receiver, judicial manager or similar officer; Have filed or be the subject of a petition for judicial management; Have ceased to do business in the normal course for a continuous period of more than 30 days; Have made any arrangement for the benefit of its creditors; Have gone into liquidation or bankruptcy, save for the purposes of a genuine amalgamation or reconstruction; and/or Have been convicted of any offence of such a nature that, in the opinion of Muis, is undesirable that the Halal certificate holder should continue to hold the Halal certificate. 						
	Muis reserves the right to suspend or revoke the Halal certificate with immediate effect upon written notice to the certificate holder.						

Service of notice 8.16 Any notice required to be given by either Muis or the certificate holder, in relation to a breach of the Muis Halal Certification Conditions or offence under the Law, shall be written and may be delivered personally (effective upon receipt); sent by inland post (effective 2 working days after posting); sent overseas by airmail (effective 5 working days after posting); or sent by facsimile transmission (effective on the date of transmission as stated on the transmission report) to the other party at the address set out below: 1. If to the certificate holder – the address and fax number submitted by the certificate holder in the MeS; 2. If to Muis – Singapore Islamic Hub, 273 Braddell Road Singapore 579702 (Fax No.: (65) 6259 4733). In proving the delivery of any letter, it shall be sufficient to prove that such letter was properly addressed, stamped and placed in the post or delivered or left at the address indicated if delivered by hand. 8.17 Cessation of use The certificate holder shall cease to be entitled to use the Halal certificate and the of certificate / Halal certification mark from the date of the suspension or revocation of the Halal mark upon certificate. Upon suspension or revocation of the Halal certificate, the certificate suspension / holder shall: revocation 1. Forthwith deliver the Halal certificate to Muis;

- 2. Forthwith discontinue the use of the Halal certification mark;
- 3. Unless Muis otherwise directs, forthwith take such steps as are reasonable and necessary to have the Halal certificate or the Halal certification mark removed, cancelled or obliterated from every place of business, or from every product, sticker, label, packaging, brochure, advertisement online and or offline, vehicle, container or other article, whether within the certificate holder's possession, custody or control or not, to which he has applied a representation of the Halal certificate or Halal certification mark, as the case may be;
- 4. If required by Muis, deliver to Muis within such time as Muis may specify, all products, stickers, labels, packaging, brochures, advertisements and other similar articles, to which the certificate holder has applied a representation of the Halal certificate or Halal certification mark, as the case may be.

Further or in the alternative, should Muis' investigation into the breach of the Muis Halal Certification Conditions be on-going and/or until the certificate holder has made suitable recompense for the breach to the satisfaction of Muis, the certificate holder shall not make changes to the existing Halal certificate by submitting a change or renewal application and / or apply for a new Halal certificate.

8.18	The certificate holder shall cease to be entitled to use the Halal certificate and the Halal certification mark on expiry of the Halal certificate.	Cessation of use of certificate / mark upon expiry
9. OT	HER CONDITIONS	
9.1	The applicant / certificate holder shall at all times keep Muis fully indemnified against all claims, damages, expenses or costs (including those asserted by third parties) arising directly or indirectly from any breach by the certificate holder and/or applicant of any provision of the Muis Halal Certification Conditions or the Halal certificate or otherwise arising from or in connection with the unlawful use of the Halal certificate or Halal certification mark or other activities associated therewith by the Halal certificate holder or applicant.	Muis to be fully indemnified
9.2	The applicant / certificate holder shall accept Muis' decisions on all Halal related matters as binding. Muis' records of all matters relating to the certificate and application shall be binding on the Halal certificate holder or applicant.	Muis decisions are final
9.3	No exercise or failure to exercise or delay in exercising any right power or remedy vested in Muis under or pursuant to the Muis Halal Certification Conditions shall constitute a waiver by Muis of that or any other right power or remedy. The failure of Muis to insist upon or enforce strict performance by the certificate holder or applicant of any provision of the Muis Halal Certification Conditions or to exercise any right under the Muis Halal Certification Conditions shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment to any extent of Muis' right to assert or rely upon any such provision or right in that or any other instance; rather, the same shall be and remain in full force and effect.	Non-exercise of power shall not be construed as waiver
9.4	The applicant / certificate holder shall provide consent to forensic audit(s) of all its business records in the event of any breaches of the terms thereof.	Consent to forensic audit
9.5	Muis may at any time, upon written notice to the applicant / certificate holder, vary, remove or add to any one or more of the Muis Halal Certification Conditions. Such change shall take effect from the date stated in the notice, unless otherwise specified in the notice.	Amendments to Muis Halal Certification Conditions
9.6	Muis may review all applications and or approvals for Halal certificates as it deems necessary.	Review of applications

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9.7	Muis' decisions in respect of all matters shall be binding.	Muis decisions
		are binding

ANNEX A – SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR RAW MATERIALS / PROCESSING AIDS

Types of Halal Risk	Low	Medium – Low	Medium – High	High
Types of raw materials / processing aids / additives	 Plant materials Pure seafood Legumes & lentils Rice Ice Spices Synthetic Chemicals 	 Soy Bean pdts Olive Oil Sesame Oil Vegetable Oil Synthetic vinegar Noodles Pasta Food additives (excl E400s) 	 Enzymes Cheese & byproducts Food Additives (E400s) Canned Foods Confectionery & Pastry Dairy Products Processed seafood Sauces & Condiments Pure vinegars 	 Meat & meatbased items Poultry & poultry-based items Beef extracts Beef tallow Chicken skin Chicken fat Flavourings Gelatine
Types of Documents Required	• Product specification / label	 Product specification Halal questionnaire (if necessary) 	 Halal questionnaire Muis-recognised Halal certificate* or laboratory analysis report (if necessary) 	• Muis- recognised Halal certificate*

^{*} All applicants / certificate holders are strongly advised to check the updated list of Muis-recognised Halal certification bodies from the Muis eHalal System <u>prior to</u> procuring the raw material / processing aid / additive.

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The above list serves as a general guideline and not limited to and/or conclusive. Muis and/or Muisappointed agent shall at its discretion request for more information or documents on the raw materials / processing aids / additives.

ANNEX B – SAMPLE HALMQ PLAN

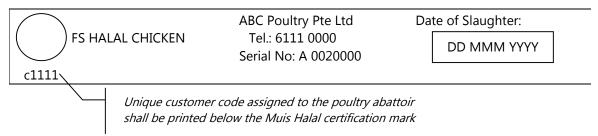
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ANNEX C - REQUIREMENT FOR PRINTING & USAGE OF HALAL POULTRY MARKS

- The Halal certificate holder shall adhere to the following specification for the Halal poultry marks:
 - 1. Self-adhesive tag bearing readable information that includes the Muis Halal certification mark with the poultry abattoir's customer code below it, name of certificate holder, unique serial number, contact details and date of slaughter (Refer to specimen copy below)
 - 2. Muis Halal certification mark: Refer to Muis for the specifications
 - 3. Serial No.: Shall be unique for every Halal poultry mark
 - 4. Length & Width: At own discretion
 - 5. Colour Code: Pantone 355 (Muis' Green)
 - 6. Typesetting: As per specimen copy given below
 - 7. Durability: Tamper Proof
 - 8. Material: Water-proof synthetic paper, plastic or aluminum
 - 9. Printing: Direct or reverse printing method but the above color code shall be adhered to.

Specimen copy (Direct Printing)



- The Halal certificate holder shall ensure that the Halal poultry marks are used only for the tagging of Halal-slaughtered poultry that are Halal-certified by Muis.
- The Halal certificate holder shall ensure safe keeping of the Halal poultry marks which are accessible only by authorised personnel.
- 4 The Halal certificate holder shall be responsible in ensuring that the Halal poultry marks are not misused in any manner.
- The Halal certificate holder shall obtain prior approval from Muis for the specifications of its Halal poultry marks, its appointed printing company and any subsequent changes to them.
- 6 The printing of Halal poultry marks shall be done in Singapore.
- The serial number printed on the Halal poultry marks shall run continuously irrespective of which printing company the certificate holder engages. It shall start with an alphabet A from 000000 to 999999; B from 1000000 to 1999999, C from 2000000 to 2999999 and so forth.

- 8 The cost of printing the Halal poultry marks shall be borne by the certificate holder.
- 9 The printing and delivery of Halal poultry marks shall adhere to the following process:
 - 1. The Halal certificate holder shall seek approval from Muis prior to producing the Halal poultry marks;
 - 2. Muis shall review the request. Approval of request shall be informed to the certificate holder through the Notice of Approval of Halal Poultry Marks;
 - 3. The Halal certificate holder shall forward a copy of the Notice of Approval of Halal Poultry Marks issued by Muis to the approved printing company prior to producing the Halal poultry mark;
 - 4. The approved printing company shall produce the Halal poultry marks based on the quantity and serial numbers stated in the Notice of Approval of Halal Poultry Marks;
 - 5. The approved printing company shall deliver all Halal poultry marks, sealed in a plastic wrap directly to Muis prior to use by the certificate holder. The Halal poultry marks shall be accompanied by the Notice of Approval from Muis and delivery order during every delivery to Muis;
 - 6. Muis shall endorse (with signature, name and date) the Notice of Approval of Halal Poultry Marks and delivery order and return the latter to the approved printing company. Muis shall, at its absolute discretion, decide on the approval of printing of Halal Poultry Marks;
 - 7. The Halal certificate holder shall collect the Halal poultry marks, together with the endorsed Notice of Approval of Halal Poultry Marks, from Muis during office hours upon payment of the Halal certification mark fee. Muis shall, at its discretion, decide on the release of Halal Poultry Marks;
 - 8. The Halal certificate holder's Muslim Representative shall verify all incoming Halal poultry marks to ensure that they have been endorsed by Muis. The Muslim Representative shall indicate his / her proof of verification on the Notice of Approval of Halal Poultry Marks with his / her signature, name and date;
 - 9. The Halal certificate holder shall furnish 3 6 month's record of the Notice of Approval of Halal Poultry Marks and their use for audit purposes.
- The Halal certificate holder shall be responsible for the delivery, verification, safekeeping, inventory and control of the Halal poultry marks.
- 11 The Halal certificate holder shall discard all unused and/or damaged Halal poultry marks immediately and keep records of them.
- 12 The Halal poultry marks are NOT TRANSFERABLE.
- The Halal certificate holder shall use the serialised Halal poultry mark in ranking order, that is, from a smaller to a bigger number.
- The Halal certificate holder shall remind the poultry retailers to dispose of all used Halal poultry marks after the poultry have been cut into pieces and before handing over to the consumers.
- 15 The Halal certificate holder shall not provide copies of its Halal certificate to retail food establishments.

The Halal certificate holder shall ensure their Halal certificate is not misused by the poultry retailers by displaying in their premises.

ANNEX D - GLOSSARY

Administration of Muslim	An Act relating to Muslims and to make provision for regulating
Law Act (AMLA)	Muslim religious affairs and to constitute a council to advise on matters relating to the Muslim religion in Singapore and a Syariah Court
Additive	Substances added to food to preserve flavour or enhance its taste and/or appearance.
Allowable Limit	The value of a monitored action which separates acceptable from the unacceptable. Examples include voltage for stunning of animal, amount of ethanol, etc.
Applicant	Company / Establishment submitting an application for the purpose of Halal certification.
Approved Printing Company	Local company approved by Muis to carry out printing of Halal poultry marks on behalf of Muis Halal certificate holders.
Brand Owner	Company which owns a product brand name. The company may manufacture or outsource the manufacturing of the product.
Certificate of Achievement	Certificate issued to someone who undergoes a Halal training programme organised by the Muis Academy and meets the assessment criteria designed for the programme.
Change Application	Application submitted via the MeS seeking approval for the changes to the previously approved Halal application.
Competent Muslim Personnel	Muslim personnel who has successfully completed the mandatory Halal training programme conducted by Muis Academy.
Contract Manufacturer	Company which manufactures products on behalf of another party. Also known as Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM).
Contract-manufactured Product	Food or non-food product that is outsourced for manufacturing purpose.
Contract – Slaughterer	Abattoir which slaughters poultry on behalf of another party. Also known as Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM).
Control Measure	Any action and/or activity required to eliminate Halal threats.
Corrective Action	Any action to be taken when the results of monitoring at the HAP indicate a loss of control.

Documentation	Written proof of step-by-step process documenting a routine or repetitive activity involved in the implementation of a Halal Quality Management System.
Doubtful	Items whose Halal status cannot be established.
Express Application	Application processing shall be initiated within 7 working days upon submission of a New application and payment of the non-refundable application fees. It does not guarantee the issuance of a Halal certificate within 7 working days.
Food	Includes drinks.
Halal	Means "Permissible". Halal, in relation to any product, service or activity, means the requirements of the Muslim law are complied with in the production, processing, marketing, display or carrying out, as the case may be, of that product, service or activity
	Refer to the Singapore Muis Halal Standard on 'General Guidelines for the Handling and Processing of Halal Food' (MUIS-HC-S001) for more information.
Halal Assurance Point (HAP)	A step in an operation which, if controlled and monitored, shall eliminate the occurrence of a Halal threat. Examples include point of receiving of raw materials, point of animal slaughtering, etc
Halal Poultry Mark	Refers to the tag, which is affixed with the Muis Halal certification mark, used on every whole chicken to indicate that they are Halal.
Halal Team	A group of appointed personnel responsible for implementing, monitoring and maintaining the Halal system, as well as ensuring that all requirements have been met in accordance with this document. The Team shall comprise management-appointed Halal Team Leader, Muslim Representative and members from multi-disciplinary background, who possess relevant knowledge and expertise.
Halal Team Leader	Management-appointed representative who heads the Halal Team and has attended a mandatory Halal training programme by the Muis Academy. The Halal Team Leader shall be someone who has the authority to implement the Muis Halal Certification Conditions and rectify any non-compliance immediately.
Halal Threat	The potential to render a product as non-Halal. Examples include cross-mixing of Halal and non-Halal raw materials, receiving of raw materials that are not prior-approved by Muis, etc.

MeS	Muis eHalal System which is the sole means of submitting an application for Halal certification.
MeS Account	Customer code generated by the Muis eHalal System (e.g. C1234). One business name generally has only one MeS account.
MeS Ticket	Ticket ID generated by the Muis eHalal System (e.g. T0123456). One business name generally has multiple MeS tickets.
Monitoring	The act of conducting a planned sequence of observations or measurements of control parameters to assess total conformance with specifications and requirements as stipulated in this document.
Muis-appointed Agent	Refers to Warees Halal Limited, a not-for-profit public company limited by guarantee within the Muis Group.
Muis eHalal System (MeS)	Web-based software, launched in 2007, that manages both front- and back-end processing of Muis Halal applications. Among others, the MeS allows for online submission of applications, update of application details, payment of certification fees, real-time information on application status and automatic renewal reminders.
	The MeS is available on https://www.halal.sg/ehalalv2/login.aspx
Muis Halal Certificate	A certificate issued by Muis under Section 88A of the Administration of Muslim Law Act (Cap 3). "Halal certificate", in relation to any product, service or activity, means a certificate to the effect that the requirements of the Muslim Law are complied with in the production, processing, marketing or display of that product, the provision of that service or the carrying out of that activity.
Muis Halal Certification Mark	Refers to any certification mark specified by Muis for use in relation to any product, service or activity in respect of which it has issued a Halal certificate under Section 88A (1) of the Administration of Muslim Law Act (Cap 3).
Muslim	A person who professes the religion of Islam in accordance with the Shariah Law.
Muslim Representative	A member of the Halal Team who is a Muslim and has attended a mandatory Halal training programme by the Muis Academy. The Muslim Representative may or may not be the Halal Team Leader.

Najis	Means "filth".
	Substances considered as filthy cannot be consumed by Muslims.
New Application	Fresh application submitted for the purpose of Halal certification.
Non-Halal	Means "not permissible".
	Non-halal, in relation to any product, service or activity, means the requirements of the Muslim law are not complied with in the production, processing, marketing, display or carrying out, as the case may be, of that product, service or activity
Normal Application	Application processing shall be initiated within 14 working days upon submission of a New application and payment of the non-refundable application fees. It does not guarantee the issuance of a Halal certificate within 14 working days.
Notice of Approval of Halal Poultry Marks	Approval notification issued by Muis to authorise its Halal certificate holder to print Halal poultry marks by the approved printing company.
Permanent Muslim Personnel	Staff of a company / establishment who is a Muslim and employed on a full- and/or part- time permanent basis. It includes the owner of a company / establishment who is a Muslim.
Prescribed Practise	Religious procedures and/or norms that should be carried out and/or complied with. Example includes procedure of Halal slaughtering, etc.
Primary email address	Company email address in the profile page of the MeS and that of the Primary Halal Liaison officer in the Halal Liaison Officer page. My Homepage My Profile Advanced User Change Password Print Help Logout 1. Customer Details Ms. Pholibe Liaison Officer 01/12
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Processing Aid	Any substance or material, not including apparatus or utensils, and not consumed as a food ingredient by itself, intentionally used in the processing of raw materials, foods or its ingredients, to fulfil a certain technological purpose during treatment or processing.
Product	Refers to any food and non-food substance or material, which may be unprocessed, semi-processed or fully-processed, that may be bought, used, manufactured and/or distributed by a company / establishment. Refers also to the stock-keeping unit.
Qualified Muslim	Slaughterer who professes the religion of Islam and has undergone a

Slaughterer	mandatory Halal slaughtering course and passed the assessment conducted by Muis Academy.
Raw Material	Crude or processed material that can be converted by manufacture, processing or combination into a new and useful product.
Record-keeping	The act of retaining and maintaining data, files, evidence and/or past records.
Renewal Application	Application submitted to renew the status of the existing Halal certificate no less than 30 days prior to its expiry.
Ritual Cleansing	Purification of surfaces or utensils that come into contact with sources of 'heavy Najis' (swine, dog and their hybrid offsprings). Such surfaces or utensils should not be used in the preparation of Halal food except after purification by Muis and/or Muis appointed agent.
	The purification procedure is as follow: i. Remove all traces of the Najis. ii. Prepare a mixture of water and earth. iii. Pour the mixture on the affected area. iv. Wash away the affected area with 6 pourings of clean water. If it is less than 6, the purification is not valid. If it is more than 6, the purification is valid.
Scope of audit	Specifies the focus, extent, and boundary of a particular audit. The scope can be specified by defining the physical location of the audit, the organizational units that will be examined, the processes and activities that will be included, and the time period that will be covered. Range of activities and the period (months or years) of records that are to be subjected to an audit examination, including the details of the menu, ingredients / raw materials, additives, processing aids etc., to establish traceability and the scope of operations of the applicant.
Scope of certification	The scope shall include but not limited to the entire process of procuring raw materials, processing aids, additives, storage, preparation, packing, transportation and delivery of the products.
Shariah Law	Islamic Law that is based on the Al-Quran (i.e. holy book of Islam), Al-Hadith (i.e. traditions of Prophet Muhammad, Messenger of Allah), and Ijtihad (i.e. the process of Islamic idea of independent thought) according to the Shafi'i or any one of the Hanafi, Maliki or Hambali School of Thoughts. A particular food becomes Halal or non-Halal by

	Shariah Law or Islamic Law if it is considered so through one of the abovementioned sources.
Shortcoming	Non-compliance with the Muis Halal Certification Conditions.
Short-term Stall	Temporary food stall at a bazaar, expositions, etc for which its principal premises / central kitchen is Halal-certified. It shall apply for the Short-term Stall sub-scheme under the Eating Establishment scheme.
Singapore Muis Halal Quality Management System (HalMQ)	A set of systems-based Halal certification requirements introduced in 2008. Pronounced as 'Hallmark', HalMQ is benchmarked against internationally-known standards such as ISO and HACCP. Refer to the Singapore Muis Halal Standard on 'General Guidelines for the Development and Implementation of a Halal Quality Management System' (MUIS-HC-S002) for more information.
Staff Pantry	Refers to a dedicated room / area within the company used by staff for the preparation of food for personal consumption, and not for the purpose of storing or preparing products, menu items, raw materials, processing aids and packaging materials within the scope of certification.
Trading Item	Product that is not manufactured in the premises applied for Halal certification.
Whole Chicken	Refers to non-cut chicken with its parts intact.
Working day	Refers to any day except Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday.

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