

POLICY FOR SUSPENDING, WITHDRAWING OR REDUCING THE SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION

Suspending, Withdrawing or Reducing the Scope of Certification:

- The CeHA has a policy and documented procedure(s) for suspension, withdrawal or reduction of the scope of certification, and specifies the subsequent actions by the CeHA.
- The CeHA suspends certification in cases when, for example,
 - the client's certified system has persistently or seriously failed to meet certification requirements, including requirements for the effectiveness of the system,
 - the certified client does not allow surveillance or recertification audits to be conducted at the required frequencies, or
 - the certified client has voluntarily requested a suspension.
- Under suspension, the client's Halal certification is temporarily invalid. The CeHA has enforceable arrangements with its clients to ensure that in case of suspension the client refrains from further promotion of its certification. The CeHA makes the suspended status of the certification publicly accessible and takes any other measures it deems appropriate.
- Failure to resolve the issues that have resulted in the suspension in a time established by the CeHA results in withdrawal or reduction of the scope of certification.
- Certification is suspended due to non-compliance, misuse of the Halal mark, audit refusal for surveillance or recertification, or violation of certification terms. During suspension, use of the certificate and mark must stop immediately.
- Certification may be withdrawn if the client fails to resolve suspensions, commits fraud, requests withdrawal, ceases operations, or repeatedly violates requirements. Once revoked, the certification becomes void, and the client must stop using all related marks. The withdrawal is notified to authorities and updated in public records.

NOTE In most cases the suspension may not exceed 6 months.



- The CeHA reduces the client's scope of certification to exclude the parts not meeting the requirements, when the client has persistently or seriously failed to meet the certification requirements for those parts of the scope of certification. Any such reduction may in line with the requirements of the standard used for certification.
- The Halaal certification body has enforceable arrangements with the certified client concerning conditions of withdrawal ensuring upon notice of withdrawal of certification that the client discontinues its use of all advertising matter that contains any reference to a certified status.
- Upon request by any party, the CeHA correctly states the status of certification of a client as being suspended, withdrawn or reduced

Approved By: _____

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