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The DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI) - EXPORT MARKETING BUREAU (EMB) would like to inform the public, particularly the sectors concerned, that the Philippine Halal Export Development and Promotion Board has signed and approved the Board Resolution for the Moratorium on the Implementation of Sections 11.6 and 13 (b) of the Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR) of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10817.

The moratorium in Section 11.6 shall be extended until 31 December 2021 and Section 13 (b) IRR until 30 June 2022.

1. Only products certified Halal by an internationally accredited and/or recognized Philippine HCB shall be granted exit by the Bureau of Customs (BoC), provided that the HCB has already submitted application with complete general requirements for accreditation with the Philippine Accreditation Bureau (PAB) prior to the shipping out of the Halal certified products. The HCB is hereby directed to submit accreditation and /or recognition document granted by the country of destination to the Halal Secretariat.
2. The HCB must adhere to the accreditation requirement/process of PAB; thus, the PAB is required to provide monthly status report/s to determine compliance of the HCB. Report/s must be submitted to the Halal Secretariat at the end of each month starting on 30 November 2020 until 30 June 2022.
3. If after six (6) months, from the receipt of the notice of delinquencies from PAB, the applicant HCB does not make (corrective/appropriate) action with regard its application, this moratorium will no longer be applied to the products, processes and services they certified as Halal.

The Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR) of Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10817 can be viewed and downloaded at the DTI-EMB website, www.tradelinephilippines.dti.gov.ph, through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/24xaafv8>.

Should you have any clarifications, you may reach our office through our telephone number at (02) +8465.3300 or via email at embhalal@dti.gov.ph.



Philippine Halal Export Development and Promotion Board

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Board Resolution for the Moratorium on the Implementation of Sections 11.6 and 13 paragraph (b) of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Republic Act (R.A.) No. 10817

The Philippine Halal Export Development and Promotion Board (Halal Export Board) has signed and approved the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of R.A.10817, which took effect in August 2017.

WHEREAS, Section 11.6 of the IRR states that *"No Philippine Halal certification body can certify products, processes and services for export as Halal after one and a half (1½) years from the effectivity of this IRR, unless accredited by the PAB"*;

WHEREAS, Section 13 (b) of the IRR directed that *"No product, processes and services whose outputs or benefits accruing or flowing outside Philippine territory claimed, promoted or branded as Halal, can be allowed to be exported after two years from the start of the effectivity of this IRR, unless they have certified by PAB-accredited Halal certification bodies or PAB-recognized foreign certification bodies"*;

WHEREAS, the transition period under Section 11.6 ended in February 2019 and Section 13 (b) ended in August 2019;

WHEREAS, the Halal Export Board Secretariat, on 10 January 2018, issued an Advisory informing the stakeholders of the grace period for the implementation of the cited provisions;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Halal Certification Bodies (HCBs) are faced with difficulty in complying with the requirements of accreditation due to the following:

1. The Philippine National Halal Certification Scheme (the Manual), which serves as one of the bases in granting accreditation was only signed and approved on 1 October 2018 and was published on 14 February 2019; and
2. The accreditation process will require time and attention which constrains the application of Philippine HCBs;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Accreditation Bureau (PAB) is hereby directed to provide the Halal Export Board, through its Secretariat with the list of applicants. Likewise, the Philippine Accreditation Bureau (PAB) is hereby directed to transmit the list to the Bureau of Customs to ensure compliance and enforcement of the Law;

WHEREAS, the Halal Secretariat is directed to coordinate with concerned regulatory agencies as mandated in Section 14 of the IRR to issue necessary administrative issuances to implement and ensure compliance to Section 13 of the IRR and this resolution;

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WHEREAS, by virtue of Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs), Philippine HCBs accredited and/or recognized by the destination market shall be recognized in conformity to accreditation process of the PAB, subject to the terms and conditions of the MRA; however, Halal-certified products will only be allowed to be exported to the country where the Philippine HCB has acquired accreditation and/or recognition;

WHEREAS, this moratorium was proposed by the HCBs due to the restriction on the movement of accreditation activities brought about by the COVID-19 outbreak;

WHEREAS, this moratorium shall be applicable for HCBs which have an existing international recognition and has already submitted application for accreditation to PAB at the time of the issuance of this resolution;


WHEREAS, this moratorium shall only be for Section 11.6 and Section 13 (b) of the IRR, other provisions stipulated in RA No. 10817 and its IRR shall remain in full force and effect;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the moratorium on Section 11.6 shall be extended until 31 December 2021 and Section 13 (b) IRR until 30 June 2022 is hereby approved.

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BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that this moratorium shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from posting in the DTI website and publication in newspaper of general circulation.

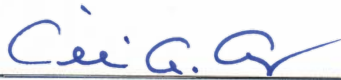
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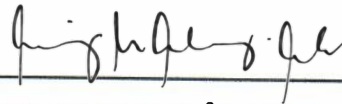
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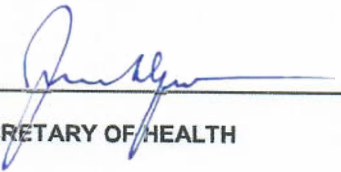
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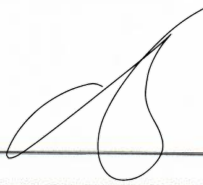


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