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Dear Valued MUIS Halal Certificate Holders,

TRANSITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR UPDATES TO THE FOREIGN HALAL CERTIFICATION BODIES LIST

MUIS has implemented the enhanced Foreign Halal Certification Bodies (FHCB) recognition framework with effect from 1 October 2025. Under this enhanced framework, the validity of FHCB status is regularly updated on the MUIS Halal website at <https://www.muis.gov.sg/halal/fhcb/>.

Transitional Guidelines for Raw Materials¹

2 To facilitate a smooth transition, please observe the following guidelines for raw materials certified by FHCBs:

- a. **Existing raw materials declared by 31 January 2026:**
Certificate holders may continue using valid halal certificates from recognised FHCBs until 31 December 2026.
- b. **New raw materials declared from 1 February 2026:**
All certificates must be issued by FHCBs that have active recognition status as indicated on the MUIS-recognised list at <https://www.muis.gov.sg/halal/fhcb/>.

Supporting Documentation Requirements

3 As stipulated in the MUIS Halal Certification Conditions (HCC), raw materials categorised as “medium-low”, “medium-high” or “high” halal risk are required to be substantiated with the following supporting documents:

- a. **Medium-low:** MUIS general questionnaire, where necessary.
- b. **Medium-high:** MUIS general questionnaire, MUIS-recognised halal certificate or laboratory analysis report by an accredited laboratory, where necessary.
- c. **High:** Halal certificates from MUIS and/or MUIS-recognised halal certification bodies.

¹ Please note that this requirement applies specifically to high-risk raw materials as categorised under the MUIS Halal Certification Conditions (HCC) framework outlined in paragraph 3.



Recommended Actions for Certificate Holders

4 Certificate holders are advised to undertake the following actions:

- i. **Risk Assessment:** Assess your current raw materials inventory against the established raw materials risk categorisation framework to identify medium-low, medium-high, and high-risk materials.
- ii. **FHCB Verification:** For high-risk raw materials requiring halal certificates, review the updated FHCB list available on the MUIS halal website at <https://www.muis.gov.sg/halal/fhcb/> to verify that your certification bodies have active recognition status.
- iii. **Implementation:** Implement the transitional procedures outlined in paragraph 2 above to ensure continued compliance.

5 Should you require any clarification or further assistance on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@muiss.gov.sg.

6 We extend our best wishes for your continued business success and express our appreciation for your ongoing support and cooperation.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON THE TRANSITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR UPDATES TO THE FOREIGN HALAL CERTIFICATION BODIES LIST

1. What is the enhanced Foreign Halal Certification Bodies (FHCB) recognition framework?

The enhanced FHCB recognition framework has been implemented since 1 October 2025 to strengthen the governance of halal-certified products supplied to MUIS halal certificate holders. The framework introduces comprehensive assessment criteria, risk-based evaluation, digital application processes and enhanced monitoring to ensure FHCBs meet Singapore's halal standards.

2. How often is the FHCB list updated?

The FHCB list is regularly updated to reflect current recognition status. Certificate holders should check the website periodically to stay informed of any changes to their certification bodies' status.

3. What should I check when verifying an FHCB on the list?

Certificate holders should verify the expiry date of the FHCB's recognition to ensure it remains valid.

4. Can I use certificates from FHCBs that appear on the list but have expired recognition?

No, only certificates from FHCBs with current recognition (not expired) are acceptable. However, the transitional guidance provides flexibility for existing inventory: if you declared raw materials by 31 January 2026, you may continue using valid halal certificates from previously recognised FHCBs until 31 December 2026, even if the FHCB's recognition has since expired. For any new raw materials declared from 1 February 2026 onwards, certificates must be from FHCBs with current recognition on the MUIS list.



5. What happens to my purchased ingredients if the FHCB is no longer recognised?

Ingredients purchased and produced prior to the FHCB's delisting may continue to be used unless otherwise advised by MUIS. However, you will need to source alternative certificates from MUIS-recognised bodies for any future purchases.

6. Do I need to re-declare existing raw materials that are already approved?

No, existing raw materials declared by 31 January 2026 do not need to be re-declared and may continue to be used with their current certificates until 31 December 2026.

7. If I have further questions on the transitional guidelines for updates to the FHCB list, who should I contact?

Certificate holders may email info@muis.gov.sg or call MUIS at +65 6359 1199.