

Press Release

JAKIM Malaysia and Halal Certification Services (HCS) Switzerland Extend Mutual Recognition Agreement Until 2028

Rheinfelden, 15 May 2025: – In a significant step toward strengthening global Halal integrity, the **Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM)** and **Halal Certification Services (HCS) Switzerland** have officially extended their **Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA)** until **2028**.

This renewal covers key Halal-certified product categories, including:

- ✓ **Food & Beverages**
- ✓ **Raw Materials**
- ✓ **Cosmetics & Personal Care Products**
- ✓ **Pharmaceuticals**
- ✓ **Consumer Goods**

The extended agreement ensures:

- ◆ **Seamless market access** for businesses in Malaysia, Switzerland, and beyond.
- ◆ **Enhanced consumer trust** through rigorous, harmonized Halal standards.
- ◆ **Streamlined certification processes**, reducing redundancy for exporters.

Director of JAKIM's Halal Hub Division, stated:

"This extension reaffirms our commitment to upholding the highest Halal standards globally. Our collaboration with HCS Switzerland ensures that certified products meet both Shariah and quality requirements, benefiting Muslim consumers worldwide."

Director of HCS Switzerland, added:

“The renewal of this MRA strengthens Europe-Malaysia Halal trade and reinforces credibility in Halal certification. We look forward to continued cooperation with JAKIM to promote ethical and compliant Halal practices.”

This partnership solidifies **Malaysia and Switzerland** as key players in the **global Halal economy**, fostering trust and facilitating cross-border trade.

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CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Name of Certification Body:

Halal Certification Services GmbH (HCS)

Address:

Weidenweg 15, 4310 Rheinfelden, Switzerland

Issue Date: 15th May 2025

Expiry Date: 14th May 2028

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Recognition of this certification body is for the following schemes:

1. Food, Beverages and Raw Materials Product
2. Consumer Goods
3. Pharmaceutical
4. Cosmetic and Personal Care



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