



May 6, 2024

TO: IAS – AGENCIES PERFORMING CERTIFICATION OF HALAL PRODUCTS, AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

SUBJECT: Proposed Retirement of the Accreditation Criteria for Halal Certification Bodies (AC783)-202406-R0 (DK/KE)

Hearing Information:

IAS Accreditation Committee

Wednesday June 26, 2024

8:30am (Pacific Time Zone)

WebEx Meeting – Refer to IAS website for details.

Dear Madam or Sir:

Proposed retirement of IAS Accreditation Criteria for Halal Certification Bodies (AC783) has been placed on the agenda for committee consideration at the above-noted meeting.

AC783 developed by IAS as part of our membership application to the International Halal Accreditation Forum (IHAF). This criteria was developed and recommended for approval in September 2019 based on requirements of IHAF. Since then, IHAF has ceased to operate, and is no longer an oversight body for halal certification. Therefore, IAS is requesting that AC783 be retired. This action will have no impact on any of our current accredited customers.

You are cordially invited to submit written comments, or to attend the WebEx committee hearing and present verbal comments. Written comments will be forwarded to the committee, **prior to the hearing**, if received by June 3, 2024. For your convenience, a comment form is provided. The link can be found on the Accreditation Committee meeting page on the IAS website, www.iasonline.org. Comments must be emailed to iasinfo@iasonline.org.

Parties interested in proposed revised criteria may deliver written communications and submissions regarding such proposed criteria to IAS within approximately 30 days of posting of the public notice on the IAS website. The committee shall be informed of all pertinent written communications received by IAS. Any relevant communication and changes to a criteria arising from the written communication/submission shall be posted to the IAS website prior to the meeting.

Participants at the accreditation committee meetings shall have the opportunity to speak on the proposed criteria to provide information to the committee. Committee meetings are generally held by electronic means. Participants are responsible to ensure access to appropriate computer equipment, software, and internet connectivity to ensure effective participation during the meeting.

Your cooperation is requested in forwarding to IAS, as noted above, all material directed to the committee. Prior to the hearing, parties interested in the deliberations of the committee should refrain from communicating, whether in writing or verbally, with committee members regarding agenda items. The committee reserves the right to refuse communications that do not comply with this request.

If you have any questions, please contact IAS at 562-364-8201. You may also reach us by e-mail at iasinfo@iasonline.org.

Yours very truly,

International Accreditation Service

IAS Management

Enclosures: AC783

cc: Accreditation Committee