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Report Highlights:

Malaysia recently revised its application forms for approval of meat, poultry, dairy, and other animal product production facilities. Additionally, the Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM) has implemented a new electronic process to apply for halal approval as required for meat and poultry products. This report provides an overview of the process to register animal product plants in Malaysia. Note: The information in this report applies only to facilities located in the United States. USDA is unable to assist with registration of facilities in other countries.

Report Summary:

This report provides an overview of the requirements to register U.S. animal product facilities to export to Malaysia, highlighting recent changes. Prospective applicants should be aware of the following:

- The facility registration process may take several months to complete, depending on the product and the documentation requested by Malaysia.
- Fresh and frozen meat and poultry facilities generally require physical inspection by Malaysian government officials. Travel and inspection costs are borne by the plant requesting registration.
- The majority of animal products exported to Malaysia, with the exception of pork products, require halal certification from one of the approved U.S. halal certification bodies.
- Malaysia recently updated facility registration application forms and implemented a new online process to request halal approval for fresh and frozen meat and poultry facilities.

Veterinary Approval Application Forms

Malaysia's Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) recently revised a number of forms used by foreign animal product establishments to apply for approval to export to Malaysia. Though the information requested in the forms is generally consistent with previous versions, in some cases the forms have been clarified or streamlined depending on the specific circumstances. The following forms are available on the [DVS website](#), and are also attached at the end of this report¹:

Document Number	Title	Used For
DVS/APP/1a	Application Form for Export Meat, Poultry, Milk, Egg and Products into Malaysia	Initial application for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All fresh and frozen meat and poultry products except pork - Processed/value added meat and poultry products except pork - Dairy products - Egg products
DVS/RNW/1b	Application Form for Renewal Export Meat, Poultry, Milk, Egg and Products into Malaysia	Renewal of previously-approved meat, poultry, dairy, and egg establishments.
DVS/APP/2a	Application Form for Export Pork, Offal, and Products into Malaysia	Initial application for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fresh and frozen pork meat - Processed/value added pork products
DVS/APP/2b	Application Form for Renewal Export Pork, Offal, and Products into Malaysia	Renewal of previously-approved pork establishments.

¹ Attached versions are provided for convenience. DVS may periodically revise application forms, so applicants are encouraged to check the DVS website to confirm they are using the most recent version.



DVS/ADD/3a	Application Form for Additional Products/Change New Product Name/Change Formula from Recognized Foreign Abattoirs & Processing Plants	Revisions/updates to currently-approved plants of any type (for example, addition of new types of products produced in the same establishment, changes in processes or formulations, etc.)
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Halal Application Requirements

In addition, companies submitting applications, renewals, and additions for meat and poultry abattoirs must also submit an online halal approval application to the Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM). The new [JAKIM International Abattoir Application System \(JIAAS\)](#) requires abattoirs to register their establishment and respond to a number of questions on their halal practices. Supporting documentation may also be required. A user guide prepared by JAKIM is available [here](#).

Note that establishments exporting dairy products and processed meat and poultry products (i.e., not slaughter facilities) do not need to submit an application through JIAAS. Such plants should include a halal certificate from a JAKIM-accredited U.S. certification body along with their other application materials submitted to DVS.

The following U.S. certification bodies are currently accredited by JAKIM:

<i>Organization & Address</i>	<i>Contacts</i>	<i>Halal Logo</i>
<p>Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America (IFANCA) 5901 N. Cicero Ave, Suite 309 Chicago, Illinois 60646</p> <p>IFANCA Halal Research Center 777 Busse Highway Park Ridge, Illinois 60068</p>	<p>Dr. Muhammad Munir Chaudry President Tel: +17732833708 Fax: +17732833973</p> <p>Tel: +1 847 993 0034 EX 203 Fax: +1 847 993 0038 Mobile: +1 773 447 3415</p>	
<p>Islamic Services of America (ISA) P.O Box 521 Cedar Rapids, IOWA 52406 USA</p>	<p>Mr. Timothy Abu Mounir Hyatt Managing Director Tel: (319) 362-0480 Fax: (319) 366-4369</p> <p>Email: thyatt@isahalal.org islamicservices@isahalal.org Website: www.isahalal.org</p>	

American Halal Foundation (AHF) 10347-C Heritage Isles Golf & Country Club Plantation Bay Dr Tampa, Florida-33647 USA	Mr. Mohammad Mazhar Hussaini (President) Tel: (+630) 759-4981 Fax:(+603) 310-8532 Email: mmhussaini@halafoundation.org Website: www.halalfoundation.org	
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Application Process

The specific process and application materials required vary by the type of product. The chart below provides a quick comparison of these requirements, followed by additional detail by product type.

Product	Application Form	JIASS Submission Required?	DVS/JAKIM Inspection Required?
Fresh and Frozen Halal Meats and Poultry; Processed Halal Meat and Poultry Products	1a	Yes	Yes
Fresh and Frozen Pork	2a	No	Partial
Processed Pork Products	2a	No	No
Dairy Products	1a	No	No

Fresh and Frozen Halal Meats and Poultry, including Processed Products

Plants interested in exporting fresh and frozen meat and poultry besides pork are required to complete form 1a along with supporting documentation. **Applicants are encouraged to consult with the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) for meat products and the USA Poultry and Egg Export Council (USAPEEC) for poultry products for advice on information to be provided in the form and supporting documents.**

Completed applications must be assembled electronically and in hard copy according to the instructions indicated in the form. The application must be submitted to the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) office in Kuala Lumpur via email and hard copy (including USB drive). FAS Kuala Lumpur will provide the required cover letter and submit the final application electronically and in hard copy to DVS.

Plants in this category must also register for the JIASS system and submit a halal approval application electronically directly to JAKIM. This is a change from past practice, in which a paper application was submitted via DVS for JAKIM approval. According to information provided by JAKIM, FAS Kuala Lumpur will receive a notification when a plant submits an application through JIASS, which FAS staff will be able to submit to JAKIM.

DVS will review the application in a process that may take many months. JAKIM will also review the halal application and provide advice to DVS. DVS may request clarification or additional information from FAS Kuala Lumpur during its review. In this case, FAS will work with the applicant to collect and submit the requested information.

Once DVS accepts an application, it will contact FAS Kuala Lumpur to schedule an in-person physical inspection of the facility. During this inspection, two DVS officials and two JAKIM officials will review the plant for a variety of food safety, animal health, and halal criteria. Generally, multiple plants will be inspected during the same visit to the United States. The plant or plants inspected are responsible for the travel costs (airfare and lodging) for all four Malaysian government officials, as well as the inspection fee (currently 5,000 MYR, approximately 1,120 USD).

Following the inspection visit, DVS and JAKIM will prepare a final report to USDA highlighting any areas of non-compliance and indicating their final determination. In the case of non-compliance, the plant will not be approved and there is no established process to appeal the decision. The plant generally must submit a new application as well as information about corrective actions taken and begin the process again. If the plant is approved, it will be added both to the list posted on the DVS website and the e-permit system that allows registered importers to request an import permit.

Registration is valid for three years. DVS requires an Annual Performance Evaluation (APE) from each approved plant at the end of each calendar year and will reach out through FAS to request it. When a plant approaches the end of its three-year registration period, it will be required to submit a renewal form (form 1b). The renewal process generally requires the same information, documentation, and steps as the initial registration process.

Fresh and Frozen Pork

Plants interested in exporting fresh and frozen pork are required to complete form 2a along with supporting documentation. **Applicants are encouraged to consult with the U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) for advice on information to be provided in the form and supporting documents.**

Completed applications must be assembled electronically and in hard copy according to the instructions indicated in the form. The application must be submitted to the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) office in Kuala Lumpur via email and hard copy (including USB drive). FAS Kuala Lumpur will provide the required cover letter and submit the final application electronically and in hard copy to DVS.

DVS will review the application in a process that may take many months. DVS may request clarification or additional information from FAS Kuala Lumpur during its review. In this case, FAS will work with the applicant to collect and submit the requested information.

Once DVS accepts an application, it may contact FAS Kuala Lumpur to schedule an in-person physical inspection of the facility. Up to five U.S. pork plants may be physically inspected during a review period. During this inspection, two DVS officials will review the plant for a variety of food safety and animal health criteria. Generally, multiple plants will be inspected during the same visit to the United

States. The plant or plants inspected are responsible for the travel costs (airfare and lodging) for all four Malaysian government officials, as well as the inspection fee (currently 5,000 MYR, approximately 1,120 USD).

Following the inspection visit (if needed), DVS will prepare a final report to USDA highlighting any areas of non-compliance and indicating their final determination. If the plant is approved, it will be added both to the list posted on the DVS website and the e-permit system that allows registered importers to request an import permit.

Registration is valid for three years. DVS requires an Annual Performance Evaluation (APE) from each approved plant at the end of each calendar year and will reach out through FAS to request it. When a plant approaches the end of its three-year registration period, it will be required to submit a renewal form (form 2b). The renewal process generally requires the same information, documentation, and steps as the initial registration process.

Dairy Products

Plants interested in exporting any dairy product are required to complete form 1a along with supporting documentation. **Applicants are encouraged to consult with the U.S. Dairy Export Council (USDEC) for advice on information to be provided in the form and supporting documents.**

Completed applications must be assembled electronically and in hard copy according to the instructions indicated in the form. The application must be submitted to the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) office in Kuala Lumpur via email and hard copy (including USB drive). FAS Kuala Lumpur will provide the required cover letter and submit the final application electronically and in hard copy to DVS. Plants in this category are not required to register for the JIASS system, but a halal certificate must be provided with the DVS application.

DVS will review the application in a process that may take many months. DVS may request clarification or additional information from FAS Kuala Lumpur during its review. In this case, FAS will work with the applicant to collect and submit the requested information.

Upon completion of its review, DVS will issue a letter to USDA indicating whether the plant has been approved. Once approved, it will be added both to the relevant list posted on the DVS website and the e-permit system that allows registered importers to request an import permit.

Revisions to Existing Registrations

Approved plants of all kinds wishing to modify their registration must submit form 3a. Modifications may be requested to the list of products eligible to export, the name of products, or to the formula or process. This form is somewhat less extensive than a full application. Like other applications, it must be submitted through FAS Kuala Lumpur to DVS for consideration.

To revise registrations to reflect changes in plant name or ownership, facilities should consult with FAS Kuala Lumpur on providing an official letter requesting that change.

Key Contacts

As noted above, interested U.S. plants are encouraged to reach out to the appropriate U.S. trade association for advice on completing the application form. FAS Kuala Lumpur can also provide guidance. The final application must be submitted through FAS Kuala Lumpur per Malaysian government requirements.

Note: These contacts are provided for U.S. facility use only. USDA and U.S. trade associations are unable to assist plants located in other countries, and requests to these addresses may not be answered.

USDA Foreign Agricultural Service – Kuala Lumpur

Office of Agricultural Affairs
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50400 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
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U.S. Meat Export Federation

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Singapore 389842
E-mail: singapore@usmef.org

USA Poultry and Egg Export Council

3 Ang Mo Kio Street 62,
#07-05 Link@AMK
Singapore 569139
E-mail: marcom@usapeecasean.sg

U.S. Dairy Export Council

20 Martin Road,
Seng Kee Building #08-01,
Singapore 239070
Email: suyong@usdecsg.org

Attachments:

[DVS Form 1a - New Meat, Poultry, Milk, and Egg Plant Application.pdf](#)

[DVS Form 1b - Meat, Poultry, Milk, and Egg Plant Renewal Form.pdf](#)

[DVS Form 2a - New Pork and Offal Plant Application.pdf](#)

[DVS Form 2b - Pork and Offal Plant Renewal Form.pdf](#)

[DVS Form 3a - Revisions to Approved Plants.pdf](#)