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Report Highlights:

On October 19, 2026, FAS Jakarta reported that most imported food and beverage products will not need halal certification until October 17, 2028. This two-year extension effectively continues the status quo, whereby only meat and dairy products must be certified halal. Indonesia subsequently amended its regulations to reflect the extension, revoke the requirement for halal pre-shipment inspections, and delay halal logistics requirements until October 17, 2028. This report updates FAS Jakarta's October 19 report to reflect the regulatory changes which protect about $500 million in U.S. agricultural exports.

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Note: On October 19, 2026, FAS Jakarta published ID2026-0040, Indonesia to Delay Halal Certification Deadlines and Revoke Halal Pre-Shipment Inspection Requirements. The below report updates ID2026-0040 to reflect the Government of Indonesia (GOI's) regulatory amendments to formalize these positive changes.

On October 16, 2026, the Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs (CMEA) announced regulatory changes which ease halal requirements at a meeting with the Halal Product Assurance Organizing Agency (BPJPH), other ministries, and industry associations. CMEA later issued a press release summarizing the policy changes (unofficial English version) and then made regulatory amendments. The key outcomes are summarized below:

Processed Food and Beverages Get a 2-Year Delay

Imported food and beverage products were originally scheduled to require halal certification on October 17, 2024, unless they are listed in the "Halal Positive List," meaning those products are inherently halal and therefore do not require certification. Indonesia first delayed this halal certification deadline for imported food and beverage products to October 17, 2026. On October 16, 2026, CMEA announced a second postponement to October 17, 2028, to provide additional time for "strengthening the ecosystem and the readiness of all parties involved."

The GOI subsequently formalized this change by issuing Government Regulation (GR) No. 40/2026, entitled "Amendments to Government Regulation No. 42 of 2024 on the Implementation of Halal Product Assurance." An unofficial English translation of this regulation can be seen here. This new regulation amended Article 160, paragraph 3, of GR No. 42/2024 on the Implementation of Halal Product Assurance as outlined below.

Article 160:

(1) For medium and large-scale business operators, the phased implementation of the mandatory halal certification requirement for Products of food, beverages, slaughtering products, and slaughtering services shall commence from October 17, 2019, through October 17, 2024.

(1a) The mandatory halal certification requirement for services related to food products, beverage products, and slaughtered products, excluding the slaughtering services referred to in paragraph (1), shall commence on October 18, 2028.

(2) For micro and small Business Actors, phasing of the halal-certified obligation for Products of food, beverages, slaughtering products, and slaughtering services small commence from October 17, 2019, through October 17, 2028.

(3) The halal-certified obligation for Products of food, beverages, slaughtering products, and slaughtering services originating from abroad shall commence on October 18, 2028, following the completion of mutual recognition agreements for Halal Certificates.

(4) Removed

Note: The GR No. 42/2024 revision covers U.S. slaughtered products and slaughtering services.

However, meat, meat products, and dairy products have long required halal certification under Law No. 41/2014 and this announcement does not change certification requirements for these product categories.

Revoking the Pre-Shipment Inspection Requirements

BPJPH Regulation No. 4/2026 outlined pre-shipment inspection requirements for products that must be certified halal and those that must be labeled as non-halal (e.g., pork and alcoholic beverages). Please see Post's previous reporting on this regulation here. During the announcement, CMEA stated that this regulation will be revoked. In addition, Article II of Government Regulation No. 40/2026 formalized its revocation:

Article II:

1. Upon the entry into force of this Government Regulation:
    a. all implementing regulations of Government Regulation Number 42 of 2024 concerning the Implementation of Halal Product Assurance (State Gazette of the Republic of Indonesia Year 2024 Number 229, Supplement to the State Gazette Number 6998) shall be adjusted to comply with the provisions of this Government Regulation; and
    b. provisions regarding the conformity assurance for foreign halal products, as stipulated in existing legislations concerning the conformity assurance for foreign halal products entering the territory of Indonesia, is hereby revoked and declared null and void.
2. This Government Regulation shall come into effect on the date of its promulgation.

Halal Logistics Won't be Implemented Until October 17, 2028

On November 17, 2025, BPJPH notified a draft Decree regarding, "Guidelines for the Implementation of the Halal Product Assurance System for Storage, Packaging, and Distribution Services" to the World Trade Organization Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade (G/TBT/N/IDN/183). The United States provided detailed comments on this draft Decree, which would establish new requirements for business operators providing storage, packaging, and distribution services for halal-certified products. To date, this regulation has not been finalized. However, GR No. 40/2026 clarified that halal logistics requirements for food and beverages will not apply until October 17, 2028, which provides U.S. industry additional time to prepare.

Clarifications for Genetically Engineered Commodities

Under GR No. 42/2024, Article 161, all genetically engineered (GE) products were scheduled to require halal certification by October 17, 2026. However, on August 31, 2026, BPJPH updated the Halal Positive List by publishing BPJPH Decree No. 301/2026. This decree exempts GE seeds and the GE plants derived from them, such as soybeans and corn, from halal certification requirements. Under CMEA's announcement, processed food and beverages from GE commodities, such as corn tortillas, and GE animals and seafood must have halal certification by October 18, 2028. Please note that feed ingredients, whether GE or not, do not require halal certification.

Additional Clarifications Apart from CMEA's Announcement

Seafood Products
BPJPH published a new regulation on product types subject to mandatory halal certification, which replaces Ministry of Religious Affairs (MORA) Decree No. 748/2021 and Decree No. 944/2024. Under it, processed seafood products need halal certification starting October 18, 2028. However, the halal positive list exempts frozen fish without food additives, whether whole or in portions (fillets, steaks, etc.). Post will report on this new regulation separately.

Fresh and Dried Fruit
Fresh fruit and fresh fruit with plant-based wax are exempt from mandatory halal certification. However, dried fruit with added food additives and other ingredients, such as sugar and vegetable oil, require halal certification starting October 18, 2028.

Non-Halal Products
BPJPH Regulation No. 3/2026 requires pork-derived food products, such as bacon and canned pork, and alcoholic beverages to carry a non-halal label. The regulation gives these products until July 23, 2027, to comply. For more details, see GAIN report ID2026-0034.

Attachments:

No Attachments.