



MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENT

Between

The Central Islamic Council of Thailand (CICOT)

and

National Independent Halaal Trust (NIHT)

For the mutual benefit of the undersigned organizations, acting in equal and individual capacities, the following terms have been agreed upon:

1. Conformity Assessment of Halal Standards

Both parties will collaborate to establish shared or conformity assessment of Halal standards or guidelines, aiming to serve the interests and welfare of Muslim consumers in both countries. In case of Halal products intended for sale in Thailand, the production process and certification must comply with the CICOT standards.

2. Collaboration on Halal Affairs

Both parties agree to establish cooperation and coordination in matters related to Halal affairs, including accreditation processes and implementation of quality systems for Halal products and services. Each organization shall operate under its own jurisdiction and responsibilities. CICOT does not recognize certification letters issued by any organization for authentication in a foreign country other than the country in which that organization is officially registered. In case of CICOT detects that the party (Foreign Halal Certification Body, FHCB) provides Halal Certificate or certify both products and factories in Thailand, the party (FHCB) will be immediately revoked from the recognition of CICOT.

3. Mutual Recognition and Reference

Each organization agrees to recognize the other as a reference authority for Halal inspection benchmarks. For meat products or animal-derived items, shipments must be accompanied by an official export or shipment certificate. In cases of uncertainty or potential risk, CICOT reserves the right to conduct a special review on a case-by-case basis and may inspect the production site as deemed necessary.

4. Support Mechanisms

This cooperation will be supported through established exchange programs, organizational funding, and other legal procedures as permitted within the scope of each organization's regulations.

5. Academic and Research Promotion

This MRA also aims to promote academic and research exchanges. The MRA is subject to the laws of both countries and shall be valid from now until 15 July 2028.

Should any organization decide to revise or withdraw from this collaboration, such decision shall not affect the continuity of the agreement with the remaining parties.

The Central Islamic Council of Thailand (CICOT)

Monday 22 September 2025, at Zayn Hotel Bangkok, Thailand

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