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Report Highlights:

As FAS Jakarta previously reported, the Government of Indonesia granted an extension until, “no later than October 17, 2026” for imported food and beverage products to come into compliance with Indonesia’s mandatory halal certification requirements. This allows most U.S. food and beverage products to be exported to Indonesia without halal certification during the length of the extension. The exception is meat, meat products, and dairy products, which remain subject to halal certification requirements under a separate law. Based on conversations with Indonesia’s halal product assurance authority (BPIPH), FAS Jakarta anticipates the extension will likely be granted for the full two years. In addition, the previous requirement to get halal certificates apostilled was removed, saving U.S. exporters an onerous and bureaucratic step. Please note some of the guidance within this report is based on information gathered informally and may be subject to change.

Background

On October 17, 2024, the Government of Indonesia issued Government Regulation No. 42/2024 on the Implementation of the Halal Product Assurance Sector. This regulation granted an extension until, “no later than October 17, 2026” for imported food and beverage products to come into compliance with Indonesia’s mandatory halal certification requirements (see FAS Jakarta’s previous report, [ID2024-0031](#)).

Following the inauguration of President Prabowo on October 20, 2024, FAS Jakarta has sought to clarify multiple aspects of the new regulation. The below reflects our analysis of informal discussions with Government of Indonesia officials to help U.S. exporters understand and comply with these requirements. Please note that some of the guidance within this report is based on information gathered informally and may be subject to change.

Length of Extension

As noted in FAS Jakarta’s previous report, the language in Government Regulation No. 42/2024 which grants the extension to imported products is heavily caveated and lacks clarity. Paragraph three of Article 160 states:

“Mandatory halal certification for food products, beverages, slaughtered products, and slaughtering services originating from abroad shall be determined by the Minister no later than October 17, 2026, after considering the completion of mutual recognition cooperation of Halal Certificates.”

During a meeting with BPJPH officials on November 1, 2024, BPJPH officials verbally confirmed that all exporting countries to Indonesia would receive the same length of extension. They explained that the deadline for mandatory halal certification implementation could be instituted earlier than October 17, 2026, but that this is unlikely. A key reason is that BPJPH will undergo a reorganization to become a stand-alone entity that reports directly to the President (like the Indonesian Food and Drug Agency and the Indonesian Quarantine Authority). BPJPH will therefore likely need the full two years to complete the halal implementing regulations, address remaining issues in the SIHALAL system, and other necessary preparations.

Therefore, most U.S. food and beverages may continue to be exported to Indonesia without halal certification. The exception is meat, meat products, and dairy products, which remain subject to halal certification requirements under a separate law (see below).

Meat, Meat Products, and Dairy Products

On October 17, 2014, the Government of Indonesia published Law No. 41/2014 on Animal Husbandry and Animal Health. Paragraph 4 of Article 58 of the law states that:

“Animal products produced in and/or imported into the territory of the Republic of Indonesia for distribution must be accompanied by:

- a. veterinary certificate; and
- b. Halal certificate for required Animal Products.”

Article 1, paragraph 13 defines “Animal Products” as “all materials originating from animals, fresh and/or have been processed or processed for consumption, pharmaceuticals, agriculture, and/or other uses for fulfilling human needs and benefits.”

The law does not state which Animal Products are “required Animal Products.” However, FAS Jakarta’s understanding based on consultation with Government of Indonesia officials is that “required Animal Products” include meat, meat products, and dairy products.

Removal of Apostille Requirement

Article 148 in Government Regulation No. 42/2024 removed the requirement to legalize foreign halal certificates from halal certifying bodies recognized by BPJPH. Before this change, U.S. exporters had to get their products’ halal certificates “legalized” by the Indonesian Embassy or apostilled. The apostille process proved to be onerous and time consuming, since U.S. exporters first had to get the certificate notarized and then often travel long distances to their state capital to get halal certificates apostilled in person. BPJPH officials confirmed that halal certificates can be uploaded into the SIHALAL system without an apostille. BPJPH will work directly with the accredited halal certification bodies to ensure that halal certificates are legitimate.

An unofficial English translation of Government Regulation No. 42/2024 is in development and will be shared once it is available. However, an unofficial English version of Law No. 41/2014 is available [here](#).

Next Steps

FAS Jakarta is currently preparing a detailed report to help U.S. companies prepare for the eventual implementation of the mandatory halal certification requirements for most food and beverage products. In the meantime, we recommend that U.S. exporters work closely with their importers to ensure their products meet Indonesia’s import requirements.

Attachments:

No Attachments.