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**PRAKAS
ON
CAMBODIAN HALAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD PRODUCTS
MINISTER OF COMMERCE**

HEREBY DECIDES

Article 1.–

This Prakas determines the requirement on producing and packaging Halal food in the purpose of promoting the technical standard, hygiene, and trustworthiness to Muslims on Cambodia Halal products supplying in the market of the Kingdom of Cambodia and promoting exports to international market.

Article 2.–

The scope of this Prakas applies to factory, enterprise, handicraft, and any other food processing and packaging areas which requested for the application for the Cambodian Halal Logo Usage, and the Certificate of Cambodia Halal Product Technical Standard.

Article 3.–

Key terms stated in this Prakas shall have the meaning as follows:

1. **Islamic Law or SARI AT ISLAM or الشريعة الاسلامية** (in Arabic word) refers to the that Muslims shall implement is based on the Al-Quran, “Al-Hadith”, “Lima” and “Qiyas” have been practiced by Hanafi, Maliki, Shafei, Hanbali.
2. **Halal or حلال** (in Arabic word word) refers to any object or service which is permissible to use or engage according to Islamic law. These terms are commonly used in relation to food products, meat products, cosmetics, personal care products, pharmaceuticals, nutrition, food ingredients, and other consumables.
3. **HARAM or حَرَام** means (Forbidden) things or acts which are prohibited in the Islamic Law or reverse from Halal.
4. **NAJIS or نجس** means ritually unclean or impurities which must be cleaned/washed to become Halal. There are 3 categories of NAJIS such as:
 - a. NAJIS MUKHAFFAH: The urine of baby boy below 2 years old which only feed by breath-milk.
 - b. NAJIS MUTAWASSITAH Such as:

- Blood, vomitus, urine, faeces, pus, and others which are discharge from the orifices of human beings.
 - Any fluid which can cause intoxication such as beer, alcohol, liquor, and water which contain toxicant can harm the health and etc.
 - Any milk of animal which is non-halal.
- c. NAJIS MUGHALLAZAH such as: dog, pig, and the genetically modified organism of both animals.
5. **MUTANAJIS** means Halal things which are involved directly to NAJIS So, the MUTANAJIS is become NAJIS. There are some methods of how to clean MUTANAJIS.
 6. **Food** refers to any products or substances, processed or semi-processed or unprocessed for human consumption, and includes drinks, chewing gum, and any other substances which has been used in manufacturing, preparation or treatment of food, but does not include cosmetics, tobacco or substances used only as drugs.
 7. **Food Safety** refers to the implementation of assurance processes, so that food will not cause harm to consumers when taken, prepared or eaten according to its intended uses.
 8. **Food Hygiene** refers to all conditions and measures necessary to ensure the safety and suitability of food in food premises.
 9. **Food Standard** refers to specific food product standards and general standards, including codes of practice and guideline. This food standard applies to all foods, whether processed, semi-processed, fresh or raw for food distribution to consumers.
 10. **Genetically Modified Organism (GMO)** refers to any organism whose genetic material has been altered using genetic engineering techniques. Organism whose has been altered consisting microorganism such as bacteria and fungi, insect, plant, fish, and mammal.
 11. **Genetically Modified Food** refers to food which contain products or by-products of genetically modified organisms (GMO).
 12. **Addictive** refers to substances that are generally not edible and not commonly used as typical ingredients of the food, for technological (including organoleptic) purposes in the production, manufacture, preparation, treatment, packing, packaging, transport or storage of such food results, or maybe reasonably expected to result, (directly or indirectly) in its by-products becoming a component of or otherwise affecting the characteristics of such food, but does not include contaminants, or substances added to food for the purpose of maintaining or improving nutritional qualities.
 13. **Premise** refers to building or permanent structure, or otherwise for the purpose of preparing, processing, handling, manufacturing, packaging, storing, distributing, and/or any activities related to Halal food production.
 14. **Processing Area** refers to the area intended for all operations involved in the preparation of halal food from material receipts through manufacturing, processing, packaging to finished goods including the storage and serving area.

Article 4.–

A person, who intends to request for the Application for Cambodian Halal Logo usage and/or Certificate of Cambodia Halal Product Technical Standard, conducts a business on manufacturing and packaging Halal shall complete the conditions as follows:

1. Shall has the business license to conduct its own sector.
2. Shall obey the Good Hygiene Principle (GHP), and it's encouraged for small and medium handicraft which are implemented quality and safety system GMP, ISO, or HACCP. So-on,
3. Shall establish the internal Halal technical working group for the small and medium handicraft to manage the manufacturing process.

Article 5.–

A person conducts a business on manufacturing and packaging Halal food shall guarantee their products quality and safety are complied with the Islamic Law, and shall complete the conditions as follows:

1. Product does not contain any parts of animals which have been forbidden or they are not slaughtered according to the Islamic Law
2. Product does not contain any substances which are considered as NAJIS.
3. Product does not contain any human parts or product derivatives from human being that are not permitted by the Islamic Law
4. Product does not intoxicate or drunk which has stated in the Islamic Law
5. Product does not cause toxins and harm to consumers
6. Product is not prepared, processed, or manufactured by using equipment and facilities which has contaminated with NAJIS.
7. Product is not prepared, manufactured, or stored with or near food storage which has not been evaluated as Halal food that does not meet the requirement as stated in No.1 and No.2 above.

Article 6.–

The source of raw materials and substances which are permitted on Halal food manufacturing as follows:

1. Land animals and Aquatic animals:
 - a. Any kind of halal animals live on land are being slaughtered according to the Islamic Law.
 - b. Any kind of eggs derives from non-NAJIS is considered as Halal.
 - c. Any kind of Aquatic animals are considered as the source for food manufactured usage.
2. Plant and Microorganism exist on land, air, and water are considered as Halal except those are poisonous and/or hazardous and/or mix with any NAJIS/HARAM substances.
3. Enzymes use as raw materials for food manufacture are considered as Halal except the poisonous and/or hazardous Enzymes that degreed as NAJIS.

Article 7.–

A person conducts a business on halal food manufacturing and packaging shall prepare the premise and facilities for Halal food manufacturing to meet the requirements as follows:

1. The Premise shall be designed, constructed or renovated so as to enable the process flow to control the risk product contamination into food manufactured.
2. The Layout of Premise shall permit proper process flow, proper employee flow so as good hygienic and safety practice, including protection against pest infestation and cross contamination between and during operations.
3. The Product process flow from receipt of raw materials to the finish products shall prevent cross contamination.
4. The Premise shall be designed to facilitate cleaning and proper supervision of food hygiene.
5. Loading and unloading bay shall be appropriately designed to allow effective transfer of goods.
6. The Premise shall be kept in good condition, hygienic, and maintain to prevent pest access and to eliminate potential breeding sites.
7. The Premise shall be effectively segregated and well insulated from pig farm or its processing activities to prevent contamination through personal and equipment.
8. The Slaughterhouse and the premise shall be dedicated for Halal slaughtering and Halal processing only.
9. Adequate sanitary facilities shall be provided and maintained.
10. The processing area shall not have any tool and religious equipment and elements of religious worship.
11. Pets and other animals shall be prohibited from entering the Premise.

Article 8.–

A person conducts a business on manufacturing and packaging Halal food shall prepare devices, utensils, machines, processing aids to manufacture Halal Food to meet the requirements as follows:

1. Devices, utensils, machines, processing aids used for processing halal food shall be designed to facilitate cleaning and shall be used only for halal food, and shall not be made of or contained any materials that are degreed as NAJIS.
2. Devices, utensils, machines, processing aids which were previously used or in contact with NAJIS MUGHALLAZAH shall be washed according to the Islamic Law.
3. In case of converting NAJIS MUGHALLAZAH line or processing Line containing NAJIS MUGHALLAZAH to Halal Production Line, the line shall be properly cleaned according to the Islamic Law. The conversion of product line from NAJIS MUGHALLAZAH to Halal Production Line shall be permitted only one time.
4. Use of appliances or brushes from animal hair is prohibited.
5. Devices, utensils, machines, processing aids usage shall be cleaned and maintained.

Article 9.–

Food hygiene and Food safety are the main factors for preparing Halal food such as personal hygiene, clothes, devices, utensil, machines, processing aids, premise for processing, manufacturing, and storing foods.

A person conducts a business on manufacturing and packaging Halal food shall implement the measures as follows:

1. Manage and inspect on raw materials, ingredients, packaging materials before processing.
2. Manage waste effectively;
3. Store harmful chemical substances safely and appropriately;
4. Prevent physical, biological, and chemical contamination of foods;
5. Prevent excessive use of permitted food additive;
6. In manufacturing, suitable detection or screening devices about the risk of the quality and safety of food, should be used where necessary.

Article 10.–

A person conducts a business on manufacturing and packaging Halal food shall implement the packaging conditions to be clean and hygienic. The Halal food packaging shall be met the following requirement:

1. Shall not be made from any raw materials that are degraded as NAJIS.
2. Shall not be made by equipment/tools that are in relation with NAJIS.
3. Shall not be made the raw materials that harm consumers.
4. The processing of packaging shall be implemented in accordance with the Hygiene and Sanitary Principles.

Article 11.–

Halal food product shall be suitably labelled in accordance with information regulations and the Islamic Law.

Article 12.–

All Halal food product which are stored, displayed, sold, and served the service should be categorized, and labelled Halal to prevent from placing them together or in contact with HARAM and shall meet the following conditions:

1. Every Halal food product shall be stored, transported, displayed, sold by separate properly from non-halal products or NAJIS.
2. The transportation vehicle shall be hygienic and not in contact with NAJIS.

Article 13.–

Any provisions which are contrary to this Prakas shall be abrogated.

Article 14.–

Members of the Cambodian Halal Steering Committee, Directors of Directorate-General, Delegate of the Royal of Government of Cambodia in-charge as Director General of the Consumer Protection, Competition, and Fraud Repression Directorate-General, Director General, Inspector General, all Institution under the responsibility of the Ministry of Commerce, Chair of the Cambodia Halal Technical Working Group, Business Operators on Halal Food Products, all relevant institutions shall be responsible for the implementation of this Prakas in accordance with their respective duties from the date of signature.

Phnom Penh, 24th February 2023

Minister of Commerce

And Chairman of the Cambodia Halal Steering Committee

Seal and Signature

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- Council of Ministers
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- Cabinet of Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Prime Minister
- Cabinet of Samdech, His Excellency and Her Excellency Deputy Prime Ministers
- Highest Council for Islamic Religious Affairs Cambodia
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