Halal Quality Control Group Guideline

Explanation on HQC Statements

1. Purpose

This guideline outlines the purpose and scope of Halal Quality Control (HQC) Statements, which are optional supporting documents issued upon request by HQC Headquarters. These statements serve to clarify or confirm specific statuses or eligibilities of customers but do not replace official Halal Certificates.

HQC Statements are intended to support customers by clearly communicating their Halal status or eligibility. Statements may include:

i. **Customer in Process Statement:** Confirms that the customer is currently undergoing assessment for Halal certification.

ii. **Halal Suitability Statement:** Indicates the customer's products or ingredients meet basic Halal suitability criteria.

iii. **Customer Passed Assessment Statement:** Declares that the customer has successfully passed a Halal certification assessment.

iv. **Eligibility Statement:** Confirms that a customer is eligible to request Halal Shipment Certificates, especially in cases where factory certification is not mandatory, but shipment certification is required by importing countries.

2. Definitions

2.1 Definition of a Halal Statement

A Halal Statement is an official document issued by HQC Headquarters that confirms, clarifies, or communicates the Halal status or eligibility of a customer or their products. It serves as a supportive document for various scenarios, but it does not substitute an official Halal Certificate.

2.2 Definition of a Halal Shipment Certificate

In certain international scenarios, authorities require shipment certificates rather than full factory Halal certificates. Customers in these cases undergo the full Halal certification procedures according to HQC Schemes but receive a Halal Shipment Certificate upon specific request rather than a Factory Certificate.

A related HQC Statement in these situations can:

i. Officially declare the customer has successfully passed the Halal certification assessment.
ii. Confirm the customer's eligibility to produce Halal products.
iii. Serve as preliminary proof for import authorities, importers, or pre-export verification.

3. General Conditions for Issuance of Statements

i. Statements are optional and only issued upon request.
ii. All requests must be approved by HQC Headquarters.
iii. Each statement must be officially signed by HQC Headquarters, bear a valid signature, and include a QR code for authentication purposes.

Important Note: An HQC Statement is not unique or limited solely to Halal Shipment Certificate contexts.
It can be issued for any relevant topic or status clarification approved by HQC Headquarters.

Where needed or necessary, Statements may also include Issuance and/or Expiry dates. All HQC Statements may be amended, revoked, or suspended at any time when necessary, after which the Statement Holder shall be notified immediately.

4. References

HQC Halal Certification Scheme (Clause 2.6)

5. Appendices

Appendix A: HQC Process Diagram for Halal Statements

Appendix B: HQC Process Diagram for Halal Shipment Certification