NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** TURKEY**If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Halal Accreditation Agency**Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:** Turkey-TBT Enquiry PointMinistry of TradeDG of Product Safety and InspectionAddress: Sogutozu Mah. 2180 Cad. No:63 06530 Cankaya/Ankara - TURKIYEPhone: +90 312 204 89 52 E-mail: tbt@ticaret.gov.trFax: +90 312 212 68 64Website: <http://www.teknikengel.gov.tr> |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****X],** **5.7.1 [****], 3.2 [****], 7.2 [****],** **other****:**  |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Product and company certification. Conformity assessment (ICS code(s): 03.120.20) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Amendments to the Law No. 7060 Certain Regulations Regarding Halal Accreditation Agency.; (1 page(s), in English and Turkish) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Halal certification and compliance with halal standards are voluntary in Türkiye. However, it is a requirement of the public interest that a halal certified product or service to be reliable, not subject to change and that marking, labelling and certification of product are carried out in a way that does not mislead the consumers.It is essential that halal certification activities are regularly assessed by an independent and competent public authority in order to ensure that the products and services certified for "compliance with halal requirements" do not provide false and misleading information to the consumers. The Halal Accreditation Agency is the sole public institution legally authorized to provide accreditation services in the field of halal in Türkiye.With the envisaged arrangements, it is aimed to maintain the voluntary basis for halal conformity assessment activities but to notify the consumers correctly and to contribute to the public welfare via taking such activities under the assurance of halal accreditation. In this regard, prevention of both the halal certification activities of non-assessed certification bodies and the circulation of unreliable halal certificates in the market are targeted.Also, administrative fines to be applied to organizations for violating the provisions of the Law via carrying out halal accreditation activities as well as performing halal conformity assessment activities without halal accreditation assessments and accreditation status are regulated. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Quality requirements |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:** Law No. 7060, "Certain Regulations Regarding Halal Accreditation Agency"Law No. 7223, "Product Safety and Technical Regulations" |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** The regulation will be adopted upon its publication.**Proposed date of entry into force:** The regulation enter into force one year after the date of its publication. |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:** Ministry of TradeDG Product Safety and InspectionT.C. Ticaret BakanligiSogutozu Mah. 2176. Sk.No:63, ÇankayaAnkara, 06530Tel: +(90 312) 204 89 37; +(90 312) 204 89 52Fax: +(90 312) 212 87 68; +(90 312) 204 86 38Email: tbt@ticaret.gov.trWebsite: <http://www.teknikengel.gov.tr><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/TUR/22_3291_00_e.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/TUR/22_3291_00_x.pdf> |