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To whom it may concern,

Being the only legal entity with the public authority to provide halal accreditation services in the Republic of Türkiye, the Halal Accreditation Agency (HAK) has been actively accrediting organizations involved in halal conformity assessment activities, based upon OIC/SMIIC Halal Standard Series.

There has been a recent development on the legal status of halal accreditation services provided by the HAK. Pursuant to an amendment to the Law No. 7060, halal accreditation by the HAK shall be obligatory for the bodies providing halal conformity assessment for products and services which will be placed on the Turkish market (including those imported) and are subject to conformity assessment in the fields for which HAK provides accreditation services.

With this amendment, the voluntary basis for halal conformity assessment activities shall be maintained but the HAK's accreditation shall be mandatory for halal conformity assessment bodies in order to contribute to the public welfare & consumer protection against misleading conformity symbols and claims.

It must be noted that administrative fines shall be applied to organizations violating the provisions of the Law unless their halal conformity assessment activities are accredited.

The regulation shall effectively enter into force on June 4th, 2023.

You may kindly find detailed information regarding our halal accreditation procedures via our website english.hak.gov.tr, may follow recent developments about the HAK via our official Twitter account @TC_HAK_ regularly.

Should you need any further information about our halal accreditation schemes, training services and national regulations in Türkiye, never hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards.

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