

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

STREAMLINING OF MUIS HALAL CERTIFICATION SCHEMES FOR MANUFACTURERS

1. What is changing to the Whole Plant scheme?

The Whole Plant (WP) scheme will be progressively **consolidated into the Product scheme**, with the following transitional arrangements:

KEY DATES	TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS
1 November 2026 onwards	New applications under the WP scheme will no longer be accepted.
Certificates expiring <u>on or before</u> 31 March 2027	Eligible certificate holders may renew under the WP scheme for one final time. Any certificate issued pursuant to such renewal shall be valid for a period of one year only .
Certificates expiring <u>after</u> 31 March 2027	Renewal will be automatically processed under the Product scheme.

Existing WP certificate holders are encouraged to review the transitional arrangements and prepare for the transition to the Product scheme.

2. What is the difference between WP and Product schemes?

The WP scheme covers a manufacturing facility and all products manufactured within it, whereas the Product scheme applies to selected products manufactured, partly processed or packed in Singapore.

Certificate holders transitioning from the WP scheme to the Product scheme are encouraged to review the applicable Product scheme requirements, including those relating to the use of the MUIS Halal Certification Mark (MHCM), early to allow sufficient time for preparation.

3. Can new applications under the WP Scheme be submitted from 1 November 2026?

No. With effect from 1 November 2026, new WP applications will no longer be accepted. Applicants may submit for Product scheme instead.

4. What happens if a WP application was submitted before 1 November 2026 but payment is made on or after that date?

Applications submitted before 1 November 2026 will continue to be processed under the WP scheme, even if payment is made on or after 1 November 2026.

5. Can companies with WP certificates expiring on or before 31 March 2027 transition directly to the Product scheme instead of renewing under the WP scheme?

Yes. Companies with WP certificates expiring on or before 31 March 2027 may choose to renew under the Product scheme instead of the WP scheme.

To make this transition, companies should email HC_sys@muis.gov.sg with their establishment name, customer code and existing WP certificate number.

6. Can existing WP certificate holders submit an amend application while their certificates remain valid?

Yes, amend applications may continue to be submitted while the existing WP certificate remains valid.

7. Do Brand Owners need to reapply for halal certification when their Contract Manufacturers transition to the Product Scheme??

Brand Owners whose Contract Manufacturers are transitioning from the WP scheme to the Product scheme are not required to submit new applications under the Product scheme solely as a result of this policy change.

8. Can companies under Product scheme refer to themselves as a “MUIS halal-certified company”?

Under the Product scheme, companies should represent their MUIS halal certification in relation to their certified products, rather than the company or manufacturing facility as a whole.

For example, companies may describe themselves as manufacturers of MUIS halal-certified products. This provides greater clarity to customers on how the company's halal certification is represented.

9. Can companies continue using the MUIS Halal Certification Mark on our website, brochures, invoices and other marketing materials?

Under the Product scheme, the MHCM may only be used in relation to products that are halal-certified by MUIS, and not to represent the company or its entire operations as halal-certified.

Companies should review and update their existing marketing materials, including website, brochures and invoices, to ensure that the use of the MHCM accurately reflects the scope of certification under the Product scheme.

10. How can businesses communicate their halal certification status under the Product scheme?

Businesses may continue to highlight their MUIS halal certification in their communications. Examples include:

- "We manufacture MUIS halal-certified products."
- "[Company Name] manufactures a range of MUIS halal-certified products."

Businesses should ensure that their representations accurately reflect their certification status and comply with the applicable conditions.

11. How can companies add new products under their existing halal certification?

Companies under both the WP and Product schemes must submit an amend application and obtain MUIS approval before they can market new products as halal-certified. This is an existing requirement under the WP Scheme and is not a new requirement introduced by the transition.

Marketing new products as halal-certified without prior MUIS approval is a breach of the MUIS Halal Certification Conditions and may result in enforcement action.

12. Where can further assistance be obtained?

Please reach out to MUIS at info@muiss.gov.sg or 6359 1199.