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Project Title: Empowering Halal Industry to Boost Intra-OIC Trade

Project Owner Country: Indonesia

Project Owner Institution: Ministry of Trade

Cooperation Area: Trade

Partner Countries: Malaysia, Turkey, Bangladesh, Brunei and Pakistan

Project Purpose: This project is initiated to follow up the COMCEC Policy Recommendations of the 32nd Session of the COMCEC, which recommends strengthening the compliance of the OIC Member States to international standards. Indonesia need to ensure that Halal standards applied within its jurisdiction can be broadly accepted in order to smoothly enter global market.

Halal is considered as a new source of economic growth. The project intends to build confidence in the halal food industry thus opening more opportunities for manufactures to penetrate the global market. This will increase per capita income for the OIC member countries. Nevertheless, it has been identified through many research that the challenges of trade in halal commodity in the world, among others are (a) differences in regulations, standards, and halal certification system, (b) lack of mutual recognition (MRA) on Halal certification and logos among countries, and (c) lack of legal umbrella that oversees the issue of halal product certification especially within the framework of FTA. The project, therefore, aims at increasing the awareness and compliance to Halal Product Concept and essential rules & regulations applied by the OIC Member Countries. This can play as a stepping stone for the recognition and acceptance of halal products that eventually will boost the intra-OIC trade of halal commodity.

Project Activities:

- Study Visit to Turkey to collect data and share experiences on the best available practices
- A Training on Halal Assurance Certification and Auditing
- A Workshop focusing on understanding and knowledge in Halal Product Concept and essential rules & regulations applied by the OIC Member Countries