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1. Separation between halal and haram product during storage at independent stores, blast freezing and transition areas

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Notification:

The purpose of this Technical Brief is to provide clarification in regards to the General Export Requirements for Halal Animal Material and Halal Animal Products Notice (referred to here as the Halal Notice). Specifically, to provide clarification in regards to separation between halal and haram product during storage at independent stores, during blast freezing and in transition areas.

1) Storage of halal product at independent stores

- a) In independent stores, haram product e.g. porcine meat can be stored provided the conditions in clause 5.2.5 of the Halal Notice are met. Independent stores are expected to have a written procedure describing how restrictions are met in relation to storage of halal and haram products (clause 5.2.5 of the Halal Notice). For description of what is meant by independent stores refer to clause 3.3 (2) of the Halal Notice. For definitions of haram animal material and haram species, refer to the definitions section in Halal Notice.
- b) Haram products must be stored in a separate room as per clause 5.2.5 (1). Partially separating walls, curtains or similar means of separation by space are not acceptable. Rooms where haram product is stored must be fully separated (a floor to ceiling wall) from rooms where halal product is stored.
- c) Halal animal products, non-halal animal products and non-conforming halal animal products can be stored in the same room provided the conditions in clause 5.2.5 (2) are met. Refer to the Halal Notice for definitions of “non-halal animal products” and “non-conforming halal animal products”.

2) Physical separation of halal and haram product during blast freezing and in transition areas

During blast freezing and in transition areas (ELA areas, movement areas within the store, common areas of sorting, coding and labelling), halal product must be stored on stillages or frames that are different from stillages and frames on which haram products are stored.

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