For Your Information: F17/13 United Arab Emirates: Halal Certification

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MPI has received advice from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) that from 30 April 2013, the New Zealand Islamic Development Trust (NZIDT) is the only approved Halal certifier to certify halal food products to the UAE. Products affected include meat and dairy products, and those processed foods that are currently required, under UAE legislation, to have a halal certificate. Processed foods that typically require halal certification include those that contain ingredients derived from slaughtered animals, such as ice cream that contains chicken fat as an emulsifier, yogurts or deserts that contain gelatine, and cheese made using animal derived rennet etc.

MPI understands that all food products that have been halal certified prior to the 1st May 2013 by certifiers other than NZIDT will be accepted into the UAE.

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