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Discontinuation of the Accreditation Scheme for Halal Food Testing

To: All EIAC-Accredited Halal Food Testing Laboratories

Dear Valued Customers,

Greetings from the Emirates International Accreditation Center (EIAC).

We would like to officially inform you that the **Halal Food Testing Accreditation Scheme (HB-TEST-00)** will be **discontinued** at the end of 2025. All currently accredited parameters under this scheme will be **transferred to the general Food Testing Scheme (LB-TEST-00)**, under the designation **"Halal Food"**.

This strategic decision has been made in response to multiple requests from accredited laboratories and as part of EIAC's continuous efforts to streamline our services. The main objectives of this transition are:

- **Reducing accreditation costs** by eliminating the need for a separate Halal Food Testing accreditation.
- **Encouraging laboratories** to expand their Halal Food Testing parameters within the general Food Testing scope **without incurring additional accreditation fees**.

Based on the implementation process of the transition, and in compliance with the **EIAC General Requirements (EIAC-RQ-GEN-001)** available at www.eiac.gov.ae; all EIAC accredited laboratories under the Halal Food Testing Scheme are **required to cease using the EIAC Halal accreditation symbol** starting from **01 January 2026**.

Should you require any further clarification regarding this circular, please do not hesitate to contact:

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