

Republic of the Philippines

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MUSLIM FILIPINOS

COMMISSION EN BANC

Resolution No. 7, Series of 2023

AN EN BANC RESOLUTION FOR THE CREATION OF HALAL DIVISION UNDER THE BUREAU OF MUSLIM ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9997, provides that it is the policy of the State to ensure the rights and well-being of Muslim Filipinos with due regard to their beliefs, customs, traditions, and institutions, as well as to further ensure their contribution to national goals and aspirations and to make them active participants in nation-building.

WHEREAS, the Commission is mandated to preserve and develop the culture, tradition, institutions, and well-being of Muslim Filipinos, in conformity with the country's laws and in consonance with national unity and development." (Section 4, Article 1, RA 9997);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the powers and functions of the Commission which is to promote and develop the Philippine Halal Industry and accredit halal-certifying entities/bodies for the utmost benefit of Muslim Filipinos and in partnership or cooperation with appropriate agencies, individuals and institutions here and abroad. (Paragraph h, Section 8, Article II, RA 9997);

WHEREAS, the NCMF through the Bureau of Muslim Economic Affairs (BMEA) is responsible for promoting and developing economic livelihood programs and projects through the extension of loans, entrepreneurship, trade, and marketing assistance to the members of Muslim Filipino communities including the promotion and development of cooperative endeavors among Muslim Filipinos as well as implement manpower training and community self-help projects for the economic development of Muslim Filipinos where all of said programs and projects are being paralleled to Shari'ah compliance or Islamic Laws;

WHEREAS, on 08 September 2020, the Bureau of Legal Affairs issued a Memorandum rendering its LEGAL OPINION affirming the AUTHORITY of the NCMF in the promotion and development of domestic Halal industry and accreditation of local Halal Certifying Bodies (HCBs);

WHEREAS, to pursue the above mandate, the Bureau of Muslim Economic Affairs proposed the creation of the **Halal Division** under said bureau to effectively and efficiently implement its programs, projects and activities;

WHEREAS, said proposal together with the mandatory documentary requirements were submitted to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) last August 2022;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved that the Commission en banc members do hereby APPROVED the Halal Division under the Bureau of Muslim Economic Affairs;

RESOLVED, that the copy of the approved resolution shall be officially disseminated for its operation and implementation effective immediately and



copy furnish the DBM, the Chairman of the Committee on Muslim Affairs in the House of Representatives and the Senate;

APPROVED AND SIGNED by the undersigned Commissioners, this August 23 of 2023 at Quezon City, Philippines.

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Secretary