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### **MUI Seeks Comments on Proposed Revisions to Halal Standards**

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**Report Highlights:**

The Indonesia Council of Ulama's (MUI) Institute for Food, Drug and Cosmetic Assessment is seeking comments on proposed revisions to its halal standards. Industries impacted by the proposed changes are encouraged to submit comments to FAS Washington

**General Information:**

The MUI recently revised their halal standards for livestock slaughter. According to sources, MUI plans to notify the impending changes to the WTO in the near future once they are finalized. However, prior to WTO notification, MUI is seeking exporting countries' comments. The deadline for receiving the comments is May 31, 2011.

The changes in the standards to include:

- Fully dedicated plants for halal slaughter;
- Halal approved plants through field audits;
- Permissible stunning methods for beef and poultry; and
- Mechanically slaughter for poultry.

MUI recently provided a letter and a PowerPoint presentation to the Office of Agricultural Affairs noting the changes. These documents can be viewed at the link below:

<http://www.usdaindonesia.org/news/read/2011/05/11/126014/MUI.Proposes.Revisions.to>

Industries impacted by these changes are encouraged to submit comments to FAS Washington. All comments will be collated and brought to the MUI under a U.S. Government cover letter. MUI stated that their comment deadline is May 31, 2011.

Comments should be submitted to: [Adam.Schlosser@fas.usda.gov](mailto:Adam.Schlosser@fas.usda.gov)