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of Scope of Certification  
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# **Policy on Suspension, Withdrawal, and Reduction of Scope of Certification**

1. **Purpose:** To outline the process and criteria for suspending, withdrawing, or reducing the scope of certification within the Halal Certification Body (AHF) in compliance with ISO 17065.
2. **Scope:** This policy applies to all products that have received certification from the AHF.
3. **Suspension:**
  - a. Criteria: Nonconformity with certification requirements.
  - b. Process: Evaluation, review, and decisions according to sections 7.4, 7.5, 7.6.
  - c. Communication: Actions to end suspension are communicated to the client.
  - d. Reinstatement: Modifications are made to documents and authorizations if certification is reinstated.
4. **Withdrawal:**
  - a. Criteria: Severe nonconformity with certification requirements.
  - b. Process: Modifications to documents and public information to prevent misleading indications.
5. **Reduction of Scope:**
  - a. Criteria: Nonconformity affecting specific aspects.
  - b. Process: Necessary modifications to clearly communicate and specify the reduced scope.
6. **Records Management:** All records related to suspension, withdrawal, or reduction of certification shall be maintained as per ISO 17065 requirements.
7. **Responsibilities:** The AHF shall assign competent person(s) to handle these processes, ensuring knowledge and understanding of all aspects.

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8. **Review and Revision:** This policy shall be reviewed periodically to ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness.

9. **Compliance:** Noncompliance with this policy may result in further action as defined by the AHF and ISO 17065.

10. **Approval:** This policy is hereby approved and effective as of June 23, 2023.