

The Ministry of Cooperatives and SMEs (KemenKopUKM) in synergy with the National Committee for Islamic Economy and Finance (KNEKS), the Halal Product Guarantee Agency (BPJPH), the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy, launched the Halal, Safe, and Healthy Culinary Zone program (KHAS) through the Constructing Meeting Working Group and Forum Group Discussion of the Special Zone Program on July 11th, 2022.

The government is targeting the duplication of the KHAS Zone at 13 points, in 8 provinces, especially in Muslim-friendly tourist destinations. Later it will be divided into 4 clusters, namely communities, local governments, universities, and government clusters. As an initial effort to fulfill the registration requirements for Halal certification, The Ministry of Cooperatives and SMEs (KemenKopUKM) will provide assistance in the issuance of a Business Identification Number (NIB) for tenants in the KHAS Zone area. For program development, The Ministry of Cooperatives and SMEs (KemenKopUKM) will also increase business capacity for tenants in the KHAS Zone area.

The KHAS zone is part of Food Security and the real sector economy, so it is necessary to carry out program socialization, preparation of a mature program plan, as well as a regular meeting of working group members to encourage the acceleration of program implementation. The implementation of the KHAS Zone is expected to be able to protect consumers from obtaining halal products, accelerate halal certification, halal guidance and increase halal culinary destinations, as well as accelerate the Halal Life Style in the culinary field.

For your reference, please check the Press Release of Ministry of Religious Affairs about the launch of the Halal, Safe and Healthy Culinary Area (KHAS) program in the link <u>here</u>.

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