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PUTRAJAYA, July 31 (Bernama) -- The Halal Hub Division of Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia (Jakim) which is based in Cyberjaya will officially start its operations and management of halal certification tomorrow.

A statement issued by Jakim today said that the start of the operations was in line with the decision made by the Cabinet on July 8 to return to Jakim the responsibility of managing Malaysian halal certification for local and overseas products with the Malaysian halal logo.

"This handover of responsibility marks the transfer of halal certification process back to Jakim after it was taken over by the Halal Industry Development Corporation (HDC) in April 2008," the statement said.

With this, all applications for halal certification, audit process, monitoring, and enforcement will be fully managed by Jakim.

On the halal certificates issued by HDC previously, Jakim said they will be valid until the end of the given term after which they would have to be renewed by Jakim.

For further information, people have been advised to call 03-83150200 or fax to 03-83187044. They could also visit the www.halal.gov.my website or personally visit the office at: Ground Floor, Block 2200 Enterprise Building 3, Persiaran APEC, 63000 Cyberjaya.

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