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FYI

At today's meeting with Cosmetics Europe it was encouraging to hear that **there are some positive developments in the way Indonesia applies previously reported non-tariff barriers for cosmetics**. However, the developments experienced by the industry are supported by practice, rather than by written evidence or amended restrictive provisions-confirming the "**traditional Indonesian gap between legal provisions and their implementation - and, therefore, legal uncertainty**:"

- **with regard to the text for heavy metal and microbes**, the certificate is now valid for 1 year, provided it concerns the same substance, and it is therefore not any longer required for each consignment.
- Reportedly, **no ban will be applied on 15 hair dyes**, as initially feared;
- With regard to certification fees, there is no formal text yet clarifying the rules.

On the other hand, Cosmetics Europe expressed concern about the uncertainty created by pending implementation of the **Halal Law N° 33/2014**. The Commission provided the latest state of play. No implementing guidelines are published yet nor the announced certification fees regulation. Furthermore, rules for halal and non-halal products are still unclear;

Best regards,

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