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Nippon Shokubai announces an acquisition of Halal Certification for its Sodium polyacrylates

NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD. [Headquarters: Chuo-ku, Osaka; President: Masanori Ikeda, TSE:4114] ("Nippon Shokubai") has acquired halal certification for its sodium polyacrylates. The certification was granted by the Japan Muslim Association based on tests by the Shariah Research Institute at Takushoku University in Japan.

In Southeast Asian countries, having the large population of Muslims, especially in Malaysia and Indonesia, there is a growing need to acquire halal certification for the raw materials and production processes of food-related companies. Under these circumstances, Nippon Shokubai has acquired halal certification for its sodium polyacrylates of food additive grade AQUALIC FH, feeding stuff additive grade AQUALIC MH and industrial grade AQUALIC IH, following the acquisition of halal certification for its arganic acids including succinic acid and fumaric acid in 2014*. Nippon Shokubai expects this recent certification to result in greater demands of its sodium polyacrylates in Southeast Asia.



Looking ahead, Nippon Shokubai intends to keep responding to market needs while providing a wide range of products that bring richness and comfort to people and society.

- **Halal Certificate**

The Halal Certificate is granted to products and services that take into account the religious beliefs of Muslim consumers, if the products and services are confirmed to meet standards set by the Japan Muslim Association and the Shariah Research Institute in Japan.

- **Halal certified products of Nippon Shokubai as of Sep.30, 2015**

AQUALIC FH (thickeners), AQUALIC MH (feed binders), AQUALIC IH (flocculants)
Succinic acid, SS50 disodium succinate, fumaric acid, maleic anhydride

In parentheses are applications indicated before them.

- *News Release on Oct. 20, 2014

Nippon Shokubai announces an acquisition of Halal Certification for its Organic Acids Used in Food Additives

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