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Dear Prof. Jonathan Wilson,

Thank you for the opportunity to revise our manuscript (Manuscript ID JIMA-12-2020-0377), entitled "Business Actors Response to Halal Certification Body Performance Ahead of Enforcement the Halal Regulations". We would also like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to the reviewers for the positive feedback and helpful comments for correction or modification. We believe have resulted in an improved revised manuscript, which you find in cover letter and we have upload paper revision, also marked on the document that we have changed using the tracking tool. We

have made revisions according to the reviewers comments. some things have changes such as titles, data and others. The manuscript has also improvements in several sentences apart from those we listed below and we have marked it in revisions document. Thank you again for your consideration of our revised manuscript. We very much hope the revised manuscript is accepted for publication in Journal of Islamic Marketing.

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Reviewer 1.

Comment: Your sample of 91 is not correct. Why you are including companies that are not halal certified in your sample? You are not collecting any relevant data for your analysis. Better remove them. Table 1 (page 5) is important but is not complete if I look at the data in figure 3. Figure 3 statistics seems not to be correct. Your second table 1 (page 7) very confusing. I do not understand. Make sure your labels on figures correspond to your first table 1 Answer: Thank you for the advice. We have removed data of companies that are not halal certified. We have changed and added the following sentences in research method "From 126 incoming e-questionnares, only 78 respondent of business actors had ever been certified and fill in all the questions, dominated by 51.3% of micro-small companies and 26.9% of medium enterproses. When viewed by business groups, it is dominated by the food-beverage industry (59%) and the cosmetics industry (14.1%)". And then, we have chaged the figure 2, figure 4 and figure 5. Table 1 describes the research design that focuses on three things, namely the performance and competence of the certification body and the cost of certification and table 2 explains the justification. Figure 3 describes the constraints faced by business actors in carrying out halal certification.

Additional Question from Reviewer 1

- 1. Originality: Does the paper contain new and significant information adequate to justify publication?: Yes Answer: Thank you.
- 2. Relationship to Literature: Does the paper demonstrate an adequate understanding of the relevant literature in the field and cite an appropriate range of literature sources? Is any significant work ignored?: Ok, you could add in "Creative Destruction of Halal Certification (Bodies)" by M Tieman, G Williams Islam and Civilisational Renewal (ICR), 2019

Answer: We have added the following sentence in part 3 "According to Tieman and Wiiliams (2019), blockchain technology could replace the role of halal certification, the halal certification process can be easier and more transparant. Blockchain technology is a digital system that contains various information so in the future the blockchain technology can be developed"

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Answer:Thank you, we have removed data of companies that are not halal certified, table 1 describes the research design that focuses on three things, namely the performance and competence of the certification body and the cost of certification and table 2 explains the justification. Figure 3 describes the constraints faced by business actors in carrying out halal certification.

- 4. 4. Results: Are results presented clearly and analysed appropriately? Do the conclusions adequately tie together the other elements of the paper?: Labels on figure 2,4,5 not consistent with table 1. Name of table 1 should be 'research design methods'. I do not understand your second table 1 (I guess table 2?) on page 7. Figure 3: N=91. Percentages probably not correct. Percentage of actors chosen lifetime certification/fee/age/attention/cost. Answer: Figures 2,4 and 5 are pictures of the percentage of each research focus. Figure 2 explains the results percentage of the halal certification services performance, Figure 4 explains the results percentage of halal certification bodies and Figure 5 explains the result percentage of respondent's opinion regarding the cost of halal certification. The final justification of the three research focuses based on table 2 so that conclusions can be drawn about how the performance of certification services, competency of certification bodies and costs of halal certification in Indonesia.
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Answer:In part of discussion, we have added the following sentences "It is hoped that the cost of certification does not add to burden on business actors, especially for micro and small business actors that have a relatively small capitall turnover rate. The authorized government, in this case BPJPH, needs to prepare a certification cost scenario that can be reached by all types of business actors".

In part of conclusion, we have added the following sentences "BPJPH (government) can make LPPOM-MUI a model that can be adopted in halal certification services, work systems, certification procedures, principles and code of

ethics, and adapted to existing conditions. This can be in the form of harmonizing the guidelines that have been prepared by the LPPOM-MUI to improve the performance and services of halal certification bodies".

6. Quality of Communication: Does the paper clearly express its case, measured against the technical language of the field and the expected knowledge of the journal's readership? Has attention been paid to the clarity of expression and readability, such as sentence structure, jargon use, acronyms, etc.: Include Indonesia in title. Maybe better title is: Business actors response to halal certification body performance in Indonesia? In abstract/purpose include the INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT.

Introchapter1:

- Indonesian halal certification policy...
- The regulations covers (instead of regulates)
- discuss that implementation of law 33 goes in phases (food, cosmetics, etc.)
- Explain that MUI = NGO and BPJPH = government.

Answer:Thank you for your reviewed. We have changed the title to "Business Actors Response to Halal Certification Body Performance in Indonesia". We have added the word in abstract/purpose "The implementation of the mandatory halal certification policy by the Indonesian Government of October 17, 2019, at least needs to be reviewed first, how is the response of business actors to halal certification services that have been carried out by previous Halal Certification Bodies in Indonesia. This can provide an overview of the extent to which the quality of the appointed authority's services, the competence of the institution, and the costs of certification.

We have changed the sentence in introduction: The regulation covers the enforcement of mandatory halal-certified products. We added the sentence in paragraph one: Products referred to in Law No. 33 of 2014 are goods or services related to food, beverages, medicines, cosmetics, chemical products, biological products, genetic engineering products, and consumer goods that are used, used or utilized by the community. The implementation of the types of products that are halal certified is regulated in stages. In connection with the implementation of Law No. 33 of 2014, business actors are the main elements and factors of the policy.

In paragraph three, we have added the sentence: LPPOM MUI is non government organization that assist the government related to interest of muslims while the BPJP is part of the government.

Reviewer 2.

Comment: The author must develop the following parts:

Methodology: to describe reliability and thenticiy methods of the data.

Results: how the business units knew that the Halal certification bodies were efficient and effective Suggestion: specific suggestions that what the society has to do, and what is the message to the global markets/business units.

Answer: Thank you. In the methodology, we have changed and added the following sentences "From 126 incoming equestionnares, only 78 respondent of business actors had ever been certified and fill in all the questions, dominated by 51.3% of micro-small companies and 26.9% of medium enterproses. When viewed by business groups, it is dominated by the food-beverage industry (59%) and the cosmetics industry (14.1%)". The number of respondents in this study is expected to represent all business actors in Indonesia. Respondents in this research are business actors who have carried out halal certification, but there are some that are not consistent due to cost issues. In discussions, we have added the sentences: "Business actors are also expected to consistently carry out halal certification so that they can protect consumers from non-halal products".

Additional Question from Reviewer 2

1. Originality: Does the paper contain new and significant information adequate to justify publication?: The article does not contain new knowledge but it adds its contribution in the existing research basket, I rank its originality as an "average".

Answer: Thank you for the assessment.

2. Relationship to Literature: Does the paper demonstrate an adequate understanding of the relevant literature in the field and cite an appropriate range of literature sources? Is any significant work ignored?: The author(s) has/have reviewed sufficient literature for the article.

Answer: Thank you for the assessment.

3. Methodology: Is the paper's argument built on an appropriate base of theory, concepts, or other ideas? Has the research or equivalent intellectual work on which the paper is based been well designed? Are the methods employed appropriate?: Collecting data through online questionnaires, is always pose a question of its reliability, the author(s) did not describe well about the reliability of the data collected.

Answer: Regarding the reliability of data collected, respondents are stakeholders who are familiar with halal certification and some respondents are halal certified but are not consistent due to cost issues.

4.Results: Are results presented clearly and analysed appropriately? Do the conclusions adequately tie together the other elements of the paper?: The author/s has/ve describe the findings, description about business men is ok..., but here questions arise that how a business men knew the that Halal Certification bodies are performing well and are well efficient nationally. The author/s should provide the details that which cross questions asked to the business units about authenticity of the information acquired.

Answer:In this research, respondents were business actors who carried out of halal certification, respondents were directly involved in the process carried out by the halal certification bodies at that time, LPPOM MUI. LPPOM MUI is a halal certification body that has been running before the establishment of BPJPH. The performance of LPPOM MUI

can be seen from the large number of regional branches located in 34 provinces in Indonesia with 1058 auditors (February 2018), accredited by the National Accredited Committee (KAN) LSH-001-IDN, which has a long-established halal standard, namely HAS 23000 which has been recognized and adopted by 42 halal certification bodies in 25 countries, LPPOM-MUI alsocertified of ISO 17065 that it can run as a certification body according to international standards, and an online web application-based service system called Cerol, which makes the audit process easier for business actors in Indonesia. LPPOM-MUI established since 1989 by the government as the only institution authorized to audits, stipulated fatwas and issued halal certificates from 2001 to 2019

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These three things are important findings for the appointment of the next authority agency based on the implementation review. Respondents in this study were small, medium, and large business actors, spread across 11 provinces in Indonesia. In this study, the data were obtained from 91 complete questionnaires.

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This study uses a quantitative descriptive non-parametric statistical analysis by taking non-probability survey samples with a freely distributed distribution method with focus on 3 things: response to halal certification services, to competence of Halal Certification Bodies (LPPOM-MUI), and to Halal Certification service fee. Respondents in this study were small, medium, and large business actors, spread across 11 area provinces in Indonesia. In this study the data were obtained from 78 complete questionnaires.

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