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Euglena Group's épauler Izumo Factory Obtains Halal Certification

Strengthening Product Deployment in Islamic Markets and Accelerating Overseas Expansion

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Euglena Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Minato-ku, Tokyo; President: Mitsuru Izumo, hereinafter "Euglena") and épauler Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Matsuyama City, Ehime Prefecture; President: Kosuke Takemura, hereinafter "Épauler") are pleased to announce that part of the production line[*1] at the Épauler Izumo Factory (Location: Izumo City, Shimane Prefecture), the manufacturing base for Euglena Group's health food products[*2], has obtained Halal certification.

Until now, the Euglena Group has obtained Halal certification for microalgae *Euglena* and *Chlorella* produced by Yaeyama Shokusan Co., Ltd. (Location: Ishigaki City, Okinawa Prefecture, hereinafter "Yaeyama Shokusan") [*3]. With this new certification, the Group can now provide a fully integrated Halal-certified production system, from raw material powder production to final product processing and manufacturing.



Épauler Izumo Factory

Currently, the global Muslim population is estimated at approximately 2 billion, accounting for about one in four people worldwide. The Muslim population is expected to continue growing, making the Muslim market a noteworthy growth market in the global economy. With this Halal certification at Épauler, the Euglena Group can now fully expand its product offerings to the Muslim market. In response to global market expansion and diversifying consumer needs, the Group will accelerate the rollout of Halal-certified products, especially in Asia centered on Malaysia, and strengthen its system to meet local demand.

■Overview of Certification

- Certification Date: 5th October 2025
- Certifying Body: Japan Halal Foundation (JHF)
- Certified Facility: Part of the production line[*1] at Épauler Izumo Factory (Izumo City, Shimane Prefecture)

■Euglena Group's Overseas Business

Yaeyama Shokusan, the microalgae cultivation base, has obtained several international certifications in addition to Halal, including US GRAS certification[*4], Kosher certification[*5], and ASC-MSC seaweed certification[*6]. The Euglena Group aims to further expand its overseas business by providing both raw materials and products derived from microalgae such as *Euglena* and *Chlorella*, leveraging the growth of the global algae market and increasing health consciousness in Asia.

*1: In the line, all processes — from raw material acceptance, weighing, mixing, tableting, filling, to shipping — are certified.
*2: Halal certification is a system in which a specialized certification body objectively certifies that products and services comply with Islamic law and are "permissible" under Islamic law. It examines whether products contain prohibited items such as pork or alcohol, and whether there is any cross-contamination during manufacturing. Certified products are marked with a unique certification mark.
*3: Press Release on 3 February 2014, "Notice on Halal Certification of Microalgae *Euglena* and *Chlorella*" https://www.euglena.jp/en/news/n20140203/
*4: Press Release on 20 January 2021, "*Euglena gracilis* obtained GRAS status in the United States, major ingredient of our food products is certified for sale in the United States as a food materials" https://www.euglena.jp/wp_01/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/news20210120-2.pdf
*5: Yaeyama Shokusan obtained Kosher certification for *Chlorella* in 2008 and for *Euglena* in 2011. Kosher refers to foods prepared in accordance with Jewish dietary laws, meaning "fit" or "proper" in Hebrew.
*6: Press Release on 23 January 2019, "World's First ASC-MSC Seaweed (Algae) Certification Obtained for Microalgae *Euglena* and *Chlorella*" https://www.euglena.jp/en/news/20190123-2/

About Euglena Co., Ltd.

In 2005, Euglena was the first company in the world to successfully establish outdoor mass cultivation technology for edible microalgae *Euglena*. The company develops and sells food, cosmetics, and other products using microalgae such as *Euglena* and *Chlorella*, and is also engaged in the development and production of biofuels. Since 2014, Euglena has been running the "Euglena GENKI Program," delivering nutrient-rich biscuits containing *Euglena* to children in Bangladesh. With "Sustainability First" as its corporate philosophy, Euglena continues to expand its business.
https://www.euglena.jp/en/

About épauler Co., Ltd.

Founded in Matsuyama City, Ehime Prefecture in 1994, and joined the Euglena Group in 2015. With the purpose "enjoy! cherishing connections," Épauler aims to be the most customer-centric e-commerce company in Japan with a focus on warmth and connection, developing and selling health foods, cosmetics, and hair care products. At the Izumo Factory, which is GMP-certified for health foods, the company manufactures health foods containing *Euglena* and *Chlorella*. Épauler is committed to delivering reliable quality and safety.
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