

New Zealand and Indonesia sign halal cooperation arrangement

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The Government has signed a new halal cooperation arrangement in Jakarta over the weekend to strengthen trade access to Indonesia and create new opportunities for New Zealand's red meat and dairy exporters, Agriculture and Trade Minister Todd McClay announced.

"Indonesia is an important growth market for dairy and meat products, worth over \$1.1 billion in exports last year. With a population of 280 million and a large middle class, Indonesia is a focus market for the Government," McClay says.

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"There's huge potential for our premium products, and this agreement will give exporters confidence in maximising that opportunity."

"Importantly, the HCA was developed with close input from our dairy and red meat sectors – delivering value for our world-best producers," McClay says.

"This is another step in our plan to grow the economy by boosting exports and delivering stronger returns for Kiwi farmers and processors."