GCC Accreditation and Recognition Procedures for Foreign HSBs

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Agenda

• Meaning of Halal
• A unified system for GCC countries
• GSO and GAC Contributions to Halal
• GSO Standards & Technical Regulations for Halal
• Gulf Accreditation Center (GAC)
• Requirements for certification bodies
• International Halal Accreditation Forum (IHAF)
O mankind, eat from whatever is on earth [that is] lawful and good and do not follow the footsteps of Satan. Indeed, he is to you a clear enemy. 2:168

O you who have believed, eat from the good things which We have provided for you and be grateful to Allah if it is [indeed] Him that you worship.

He has only forbidden to you dead animals, blood, the flesh of swine, and that which has been dedicated to other than Allah. But whoever is forced [by necessity], neither desiring [it] nor transgressing [its limit], there is no sin upon him. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.
Meaning of Halal

• Derived from the core principle and teaching of Islam, Halal is an Arabic word that means “permissible,” with its opposite being haram, “not permissible.”

• Halal .. A global word

• Halal .. A way of life covering all aspects:
  - Financial, social, behavioral, food, drink, clothing..etc
**Definition**

**Islamic rules**

It's means ALLAH (almighty) legislates for Muslims as per the Holy Qur’an, and the practices (Sunnah) of honorable Prophet Mohammad (Peace be upon him).

**Halal Standards**

The specific requirements for Halal Products and service.

**Halal Certificate**

The document endorses that products or systems identified match the provisions of Islamic rules regarding the Halal aspects and include: Halal slaughtering certificates, Halal certificates for facilities, slaughterhouses and facilities classified as “Halal” certificates of food components, food ingredients containing meat and essences, rennet, gelatin, fat and animal oils.
Definition

Halal Islamic affairs expert
A Muslim with profound and comprehensive knowledge of Islamic rules in subject of Halal and approved and authorized by the relevant origination and appointed by Halal certification body.

Halal Certification Body
An independent legal entity, or part of legal entity, that applies the requirements of this document and have an Islamic awareness activity where its human resources conducting the auditing and decision making activities are Muslims and committed to ethically Islamic rules.
A unified system for GCC countries

- A unified mechanism for recognition
- Unification of the requirements for Accreditation Bodies
- Unification of the requirements for the certification bodies
- Unification of the requirements for the Halal products
- Islamic Rules
- Fatwa reference
- Muslim scholars
A unified system for GCC countries

A unified, independent, impartial and reliable system that ensures HALAL products
Halal Pyramids

- **Global Recog. amongst entities of Halal Standards & TR’s, accreditation bodies, ....etc**

- **Accreditation Bodies**
  - GSO 2055-3:2015
  - GSO 2055-2:2015

- **Conformity Assessment Bodies**
  - ISO/IEC 17011
  - GSO 2055-1:2015 & GSO 993:2015

- **Producers, Manufacturers & service provider**

- **Facilitation, Acceptance, Insurance, Confidence**
  - Exporter
  - Regulators
  - Importer
  - Consumer
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- Accreditation Bodies
  - Requirements for operation ISO/IEC 17011
  - GSO 2055-2:2015
- Conformity Assessment Bodies
  - ISO/IEC 17020, 17021, 17025, 17043, 17065
  - ISO 15189
- Producers, Manufacturers & service provider
  - GSO 2055-1:2015 & GSO 993:2015

- Implementing specific requirements for Halal products
- Auditing the conformity of the Halal products
- Evaluation of CBs competence
- Mutual recognition

- Conformity Assessment Bodies
  - GSO 2055-3:2015

- Producers, Manufacturers & service provider
Contributions to Halal@ global & regional levels

GSO laid out Multi-Collaborative channels with international & regional bodies

- MUIS: Council of Islamic Scholars of Singapore (MUIS)
- IFC: Islamic Fiqh Council
- OIC/SMIIC: Evaluated harmonization of Halal food Standards
- GAC: GCC Accreditation Center
- IHAF: International Halal Accreditation Forum
- HACCP: Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points
- JAKIM: Islamic Development Authority of Malaysia (JAKIM) MoU
- MUIS: Council of Islamic Scholars of Singapore (MUIS)
- CODEX: GCC-WG for Halal revised Codex Standard # 24:1997
- “Guideline for using the Halal Term” incorporated in framework of Codex Coordination Committee for Near East (CCNEA)
- MUIS: Council of Islamic Scholars of Singapore (MUIS)
- IFIC: Islamic Fiqh Council
- Coordination in Halal matters

AIDMO: Holistic technical review of Halal sector in Arab region (AIDMO) Arab Program for Halal

OIC/SMIIC: Evaluated harmonization of Halal food Standards

GAC: GCC Accreditation Center

IHAF: International Halal Accreditation Forum

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JAKIM: Islamic Development Authority of Malaysia (JAKIM) MoU
GSO and GAC Contributions to Halal

To operate in the following sectors:

A. Halal products:
   ◦ Food products, components and additives
   ◦ Animal feed stocks

B. Places and facilities like:
   ◦ Premises concerned with Halal
   ◦ Slaughter house and farms
   ◦ Services sectors, storage and transport activities
   ◦ Halal certification bodies
   ◦ Importers of food, personnel working in the Halal food sectors, all Halal certification personnel, personnel of authorities entrusted with inspection and supervision on Halal food
Proposing and prepare the appropriate mechanisms to ensure the unified implementation on the GCC level of the topics relating to Halal

Preparing, reviewing, updating of GSO Halal standards at all supply chain

Suggesting the Halal certification and Halal accreditation bodies to ensure their compliance with the Islamic Law
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GOALS

Providing the accreditation services regarding the requirements and needs of conformity assessment bodies and all bodies related to accreditation in the member Countries

Building Confidence in the results of services provided by all bodies accredited by GAC

Safeguarding the interests of the accreditation services beneficiaries

Achievement of mutual recognition with the International and Regional bodies and Organizations working in the accreditation field

GAC ACCREDITATION IS A SINGLE ACCREDITATION BODY

PROVIDES ACCREDITATION SERVICES TO ALL CAB BODIES WITHIN GCC

International Recognition (June 2016)
GAC Requirements for certification bodies

Requirements for the:
- Competence
- Consistent operation
- Impartiality of the CB

It covers certification of:
- Products
- Process
- Services certification bodies

Certification of products, Processes and services is a third-party conformity assessment activity.
GAC Requirements for certification bodies

- Competence
- Consistent operation
- Impartiality
The International Halal Accreditation Forum (IHAF) is an independent, non-governmental network of accreditation entities that are mandated to enforce Halal standards in their countries and territories. Empowered by its aims to protect the growing number of Halal consumers and to facilitate international trade, IHAF establishes a solid ground for the global industry of Halal food and non-food products.

IHAF is based in UAE and spearheaded by the Dubai Islamic Economy Development Center (DIEDC) and the Emirates Authority for Standardization and Metrology (ESMA). It is anchored on the belief that greater cooperation among regional and international organizations is key in creating a Halal industry that is strong, stable, reliable and responsive to the needs of consumers and business sectors across the world.

READ MORE

http://www.ihaf.org.ae
International Halal Accreditation Forum (IHAF)

• The world’s first Halal international accreditation network.
• Proposed by UAE.
• An independent, non-government network of accreditation entities all mandated to enforce Halal standards in their countries and regions.
• IHAF is based in UAE and spearheaded by the Dubai Islamic Economy Development Center (DIEDEC) and the Emirates Authority for Standardization and Metrology (ESMA).
• The primary objective of establishing the IHAF is to harmonize conformity assessment practices in the Halal sector, and establish Multilateral Recognition Agreements between member bodies that will facilitate Halal trade globally.
Signing ceremony of establishment agreement of IHAF (Dubai, 04/05/2016).

The International Halal Accreditation Forum (IHAF) recently convened for its first General Assembly meeting (Dubai, 06/11/2016).
The current roster of IHAF is made up of its Founding Members that include:

1. American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA-USA)
2. Dubai Municipality and Dubai Accreditation Center (DAC-UAE)
3. Egyptian Accreditation Council (EGAC) (Egypt)
4. Entidad Nacional de Accreditación (ENAS-Spain)
5. GCC Accreditation Center (GAC)
6. Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand (JAS-ANZ-Australia, New Zealand)
7. Pakistan National Accreditation Council (PANK)
8. Saudi Accreditation Committee (SAC)
9- United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS-UK)
10- National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NACCB).
11- American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
12- Italian National Accreditation Body (ACCREDIA)
13- Entidad Mexicana de Acreditación, a.c. (ema)
14- National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives – THAILAND
15- National Accreditation Authority – NAH
16- Argentine Halal Accreditation Agency
17- Jordanian Accreditation System (JAS)
18- Emirates National Accreditation System (ENAS)
19- Federação das Associações Muçulmanas do Brasil Certificacao-Halal (FAMBRAS)
20- Philippine Accreditation Bureau (PAB)
IHAF MEMBERS IN 1000 days
(2016 to date)

Total number of members as of January 31, 2019

2017
32 Members
2016
27 Members
19 Members

2018

- National Accreditation Body of Indonesia (KAN - INDONESIA)
- Russian Federal Service for Accreditation (RUSACREDITATION - RUSSIA)
- Kyrgyzstan Center of Accreditation (KYRGYZSTAN)
- National Accreditation Center (NAC - TURKEY)
- National Accreditation Body of Colombia (ONAC - COLOMBIA)

2017

- Philippine Accreditation Bureau (PAB - PHILIPPINES)
- Jamaica National Agency For Accreditation (JINAA - JAMAICA)
- International Accreditation Service (IAS - USA)
- Libyan Accreditation Center (LIBAC - LIBYA)
- Moroccan Accreditation Service (SMAC - MOROCCO)
- Nigeria National Accreditation Service (NANAS - NIGERIA)
- National Center of Accreditation (NCA - KAZAKHSTAN)
- Accreditation Affairs Section - Public Authority for Industry (KAAS - KUWAIT)

2016

- Emirates National Accreditation System (ENAS - UAE)
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- Italian National Accreditation Body (ACCREDIA - ITALY)
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- National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB - INDIA)
- National Accreditation Authority (NHACA - KUWAIT)
- National Bureau of Agricultural Commodity and Food Standards Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (NCFC - THAILAND)
- Pakistan National Accreditation Council (PNAC - PAKISTAN)
- Organizations Argentinas de Acreditación (OAA - ARGENTINA)
- United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS - UK)
- Jordanian Accreditation System (JAS - JORDAN)
- Saudi Accreditation Committee (SAC - SAUDI ARABIA)
Associate Members

Libyan Accreditation Center
Moroccan Accreditation Service (SEMAC)

Affiliates Members

Nigeria National Accreditation Service
National Center of Accreditation (Kazakhstan)
Accreditation Affairs Section - Public Authority for Industry (KAAS-KUWAIT)
ONAC
Conclusion

01 Cooperation and Joint accreditations between ABs

02 Standardization bodies to harmonize as possible Halal Standards

03 Sharing of assessors/experts between certifiers

04 Participation of Accreditation bodies in the Halal conferences
Thank you