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# HALALFOOD

Part (2): The Requirements for Accreditation of Issuing the HALAL Food Certification Bodies

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## Preamble

The gulf G.C.C Standardization Organization is a regional forum that has in its members the national departments for standards and specifications in the Gulf Arab states,

The organization's objective is to prepare the gulf standards specifications by a technical specialized committees.

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#### Forward

GCC Standardization Organization (GSO) is a regional Organization, which consists of the National Standards Bodies of GCC member States. One of GSO main functions is to issue Gulf Standards /Technical regulations through specialized technical committees (TCs).

GSO through the technical program of committee TC No.: 5 "Technical committee for Sector of Foods and Agriculture Products" has prepared this Standard " HALALFOOD Part (2): The Requirements for Accreditation of Issuing the HALAL Food Certification bodies ". The Draft Standard has been prepared by (State of Kuwait).

The draft Standard has been prepared based on relevant ADMO, International and National foreign Standards and references.

This standard has been approved as a Gulf (Standard / Technical Regulation) by GSO Board of Directors in its meeting No.( ), held on / / H , / /

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## HALAL foods

## Part 2: The Requirements for Accreditation of Issuing the HALAL Food Certification Bodies

#### **1-** Scope and Application

This standard specification states the procedures of HALAL certificate issuing centers and conditions for its certification

#### 2- Complementary References

- 2.1Gulf standard specification no GSO 9 "Labeling of Prepackaged Food Stuff".
- 2.2Gulf standard specification no GSO 993 "conditions for animal slaughter according to Islamic Sharia rules".
- 2.3 Gulf standard specification no GSO 21 "hygienic conditions in food plants and its staff"
- 2.4 Gulf standard specification "HALAL Food Part 1: General Requirement"

#### **3-** Terms and Definitions

## 3.1 Islamic rules and beliefs

It means what ALLAH Legislate for Muslims which gain its rules from the wholly Qura'an, and the honourable prophet method (Sunnah), and the approval of the religions specialist on judgement in one of the countries after the death of Prophet Mohammed peace be upon him.

## 3.2 HALAL food certificates issuing bodies

The competent authority that is assigned to issue HALAL food certificates recognized by the relevant authority in the GCC states.

## 3.3 Accreditation Authorization for HALAL food certificates issuing bodies

Authorized body that performs accreditation for certification bodies involved in Halal food certification

## **3.4** Inspector and Supervisor

The adult Muslim person assigned to verify the application of animal slaughtering conditions according to Islamic sharia (Gulf standard specification number (GSO 993) and the general conditions for HALAL food according to the gulf standard specification "Halal Food - part 1: General Requirements".

## 3.4 Manager of HALAL food certificates issuing bodies

The adult Muslim person assigned to sign and accredits the HALAL food certificates.

## 4. General Conditions

- 4.1 The issuing bodies should be accredited, public and satisfy the official requirements set in the existing state.
- 4.2 It should have permanent headquarters in the country of adoption, and organizational structure defined by the responsibilities and duties of employees, and the name of the person authorized to sign the certificates of HALAL food products and samples of used seals.
- 4.3 have the financial stability and resources required for the operation of a certification system; and there should not be interfering in interests with other bodies that may affect the credibility of the certification.

4.4 employ a sufficient number of personnel having the necessary education, training, technical knowledge and experience for performing Halal certification functions relating to the type, range and volume of work performed, under a responsible senior executive.

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- 4.5 To abide by issuing certificates of HALAL food in accordance with GCC unified model to be adopted in the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council, with the exception of the exports of Islamic HALAL states that apply HALAL conditions to meat and products and other foodstuffs.
- 4.6 Registration and documentation

The certification body shall maintain a record system to suit its particular circumstances and to comply with existing regulations. The records shall demonstrate the following:

- 4.6.1 A Record of the name of the HALAL slaughters, "Muthakeen", and supervisors and their accredited signatures.
- 4.6.2 A record of accredited supervision procedures
- 4.6.3 A record of the supervision slaughterhouses
- 4.6.4 A record of the issued HALAL certification numbers and copies of the certifications,
- 4.6.5 Relevant documentation to refer to when needed or on request by competent authorities.
- 4.7 Issuing business cards for the inspector and the supervisor and it should be hanged while working
- 4.8 The HALAL issuing bodies should have a supervisors and slaughters "Muthakeen" training system upon the gulf standard no.993.
- 4.9 The Halal certification issuing body shall establish and maintain a documented system of issuing service request procedures including the finance fees required.
- 4.10 The HALAL issuing bodies should have procedures to issue certificate and safekeeping the stamps and signatures.
- 4.11 The HALAL issuing centers must send to the competent authorities in the export destination country a sample of the signatures of supervisors and "Muthakeen

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4.12 the HALAL issuing centers should commit to submit a report every six months for the competent authority in the GCC to explain its work and achievements and number of certificate they have issued and any report or documentation requested by the competent authority in the GCC.

## 5. Procedures of accreditation the HALAL certificate issuing bodies

- 5.1 The HALAL certificate issuing bodies should apply to the competent authority in the GCC by official channels with the documentations and certificates that prove the compliance of the center with the required conditions and the authority has the right to accept or turn down any application without giving reasons.
- 5.2 The HALAL issuing centers should pledge in writing to apply the Gulf standard specification number 993 for slaughtering conditions according to rules of Islamic sharia and the sharia rules for slaughtering animals that is issued by the competent authority and the standard specification project "HALAL food products".
- 5.3 In case of initial approval, a specialist committee from GCC countries is authorized to visit the issuing body to ensure its compliance to the required conditions.
- 5.4 In case of application approval the centre will be certified for 2 years renewable in the light of evaluation of performance during that period.
- 5.5 The competent authority in the GCC has the right to arrange coordinated or unannounced visits to guaranty the continued compliance with the requirement for certification.

### 6. HALAL Food Certificates

- 6.1 As for meat and its products, the HALAL certificates should include the following information:
  - 6.1.1 The slaughtering date to be stated by a day, month and year.
  - 6.1.2 The health certificate number.
- 6.2 As for food products, the HALAL certificates should include the following information:
  - 6.2.1 The production date.
  - 6.2.2 The health certificate number.
  - 6.2.3 The number of Halal certificate for food ingredient and a copy of the certificate.
- 6.3 The HALAL food certificates will be issued by the HALAL issuing bodies in the country of origin and it should be according to the attached Gulf sample (attachment 1), and to consider the following:
  - 6.3.1 The existence of a HALAL seal for the HALAL food certificates issuing bodies, the name of the supervisor and his signature.
  - 6.3.2 Stating the serial number of the Halal food certificates as: ( No./ issuing year)
  - 6.3.3 The HALAL certificate should have two copies:
    - The original and a copy for the exporter, to save the copy and to send the original to the importer.
    - The second copy is for the Halal food certificates issuing bodies.

6.3.4 The paper used in printing HALAL food certificates should have a watermark protection of forgery

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## 7. HALAL Certification Label

The companies manufacturing HALAL product have the right to use the word "HALAL" or to print the Halal logo on all manufactured Halal products, and labelled on each box/package, in compliance with the requirements of the gulf standard specification no. 9 "Labeling of Prepackaged Food Stuff".

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Attachment (2)





