

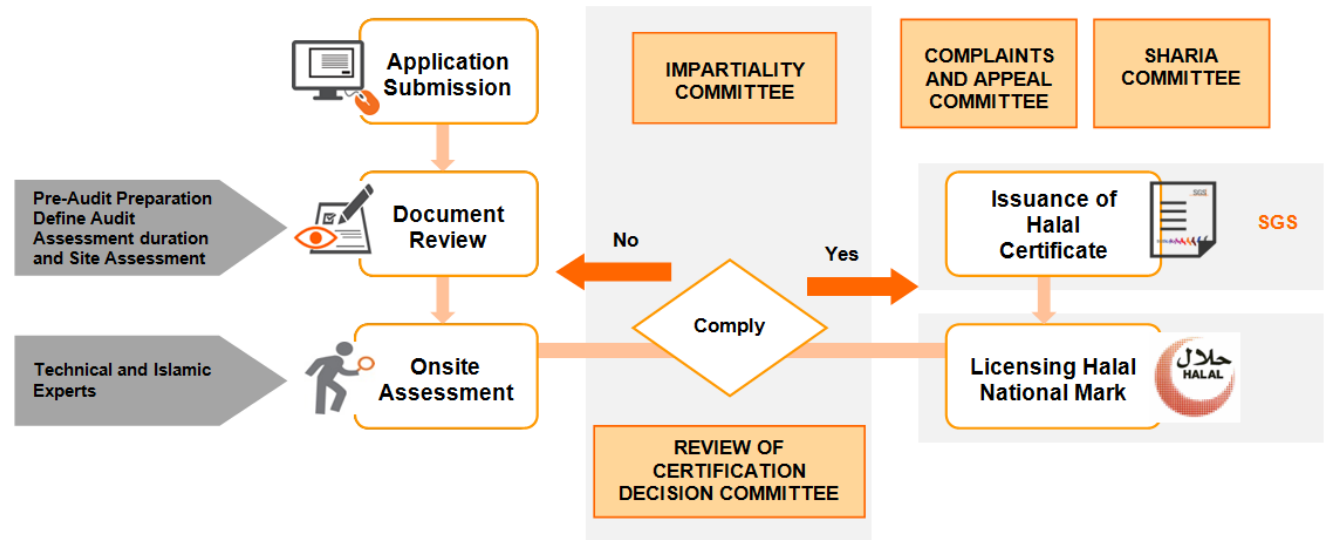
<b>GUIDELINES OF IMPORTS FOR THE TRADE</b>	
<b>MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY (MoIAT)</b>	
<b>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</b> <b>EMIRATES CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT SCHEME</b> <b>(ECAS) – HALAL CERTIFICATION</b>	
Date issued : <b>14/03/2017</b>	Last modification : <b>01.06.2023</b>
<b>1. UAE HALAL AUDITS MANDATE</b>	
PROGRAM NAME	Emirates Conformity Assessment Scheme (ECAS)- Module H
PROGRAM MANDATED BY	Ministry Of Industry And Advanced Technology (MoIAT)
IMPLEMENTATION DATE	2016
PROGRAM SCOPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess and verify compliance of Halal products that will be traded within the United Arab Emirates, and to confirm if they are in accordance with the regulations, rules, specifications and conditions approved by MoIAT.</li> <li>• Issuance of certificate and/or License to use Halal National Mark (issued through MoIAT) to be placed on the products or services or facilities conforming to the requirements of the UAE System for the Control of Halal Products.</li> </ul>
REGULATED PRODUCTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESMA's Cabinet Resolution No. 10 of 2014 for the Regulation of Control over Halal products including production system and services associated with the products.</li> <li>• Chairman of the Board's Decision No. (37) for the year 2014 on the adoption of the list of registered abattoirs.</li> <li>• General regulations of the organizational procedures for National Mark of Halal (emblem) - Board Resolution No. (34) for the year 2014</li> <li>• The following product categories are subject to this program:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Halal Food Products covered under category codes</li> <li>➤ Farming; Animals &amp; Plants</li> <li>➤ Food Manufacturing</li> <li>➤ Animal Feed Production</li> <li>➤ Catering</li> <li>➤ Retail, transport and storage; Distribution &amp; Provision of Transport and Storage Services</li> <li>➤ Auxiliary services; Services, Production of Food Packaging and Packaging Material, Equipment manufacturing</li> <li>➤ Biochemical; Pesticides, drugs, fertilizers, cleaning agents, cosmetics, textiles, leather products, additives, vitamins, minerals..etc</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The above regulated products fall under the category codes A,B,C,D, E, F,G, H, I, J, and K of UAE.S GSO 2055-2:2021</li> </ul>
APPLICABLE STANDARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UAE.S 2055-1:2015; UAE.S GSO 2055-4:2021, UAE.S.993:2022</li> <li>GSO 2055-1:2015; GSO 993:2015, GSO 2055-4:2021</li> </ul>
ASSESSMENT METHODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Depending on the nature of the product, the assessment methods consist of one or a combination of the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laboratory testing</li> <li>Test report verification</li> <li>Factory onsite audits</li> <li>Documentary verification</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
CERTIFICATION SCHEME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Type 5 of ISO/IEC 17067:2013</li> </ul>
MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Option A as per ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015</li> </ul>
FORMS OF ATTESTATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ECAS Certificate is issued for products meeting the requirements</li> <li>License is granted by MoIAT for the use of National Halal Mark</li> </ul>
VALIDITY OF CERTIFICATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Validity is for 3 years from the date of issuance</li> </ul>
PURPOSE OF ATTESTATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ECAS Certificate or License is needed for the clearance of the imported goods at the customs</li> <li>Provides MoIAT Authorities with a basis for conducting post-market surveillance to ensure product conformity to applicable and mandatory standard and technical requirements</li> </ul>
<b>2. VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS</b>	
DOCUMENTATION	<p>The applicant submits to SGS the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application form; this has to be filled in order to understand for us to prepare the quote</li> <li>List of products that's intended to be certified; If SGS is not accredited for the product category then we cannot provide the certification service</li> <li>Halal Agreement between SGS and the applicant</li> <li>Declaration of Conformity by the applicant of the products on the company's letter head</li> <li>Valid Industry/Trade/Commercial License (For companies within UAE)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of export and or authenticated free sales certificate from the country of origin for imported products.</li> <li>• Product composition and ingredients concentration report issued by manufacturer</li> <li>• Documented proof of internationally accepted quality management systems, in addition to any of the product safety management systems, or Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP), good hygiene practices (GHP) related to the Halal product that are globally applicable and acceptable to the Authority</li> <li>• Test report from ISO 17025 accredited laboratory as per UAE&amp;GSO standard requirement.</li> <li>• Facility map/ Factory Layout for the products</li> <li>• Label artworks</li> <li>• Table of raw materials</li> <li>• Copy of Halal certificate of ingredients/raw materials or copy of product specification or any other claims</li> <li>• Brief description of manufacturing process flow chart and plant equipment lay out in the form of a Halal System Plan (HSP)</li> <li>• Certificate of raw materials &amp; packaging materials from the suppliers ensuring their Halal origin</li> </ul>
<p>VERIFICATION PROCESS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The applicant must submit the application to SGS along with the documents specified above.</li> <li>• The applicant must select one of the below options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Halal Certificate with License to use National Halal Mark</li> <li>➤ Halal Certificate without License to use National Halal Mark</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Upon acceptance of the Application form/ Request for certification and all the necessary documents, SGS shall carry out a conformity assessment audit from the identified scheme for a particular product.</li> <li>• Field visit by SGS Halal Auditors to carry out assessment and evaluation of products.</li> <li>• When the results of conformity assessment demonstrate that the relevant requirements are met, SGS shall issue an SGS Halal Certificate and Schedule of Certification (SOC).</li> <li>• Surveillance audit to be conducted by SGS to ensure continuous compliance to the standard and regulation requirements.</li> <li>• Inspections to be carried out by SGS to check on the compliance.</li> <li>• Recertification audit at the time of renewal.</li> <li>• Application for License to use National Halal Mark to be made to MoIAT through the MoIAT online portal.</li> </ul>
<p>CERTIFICATE &amp; LICENSE ISSUED</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SGS Halal Certificate and Schedule of Certification (SOC)</li> <li>• License to use National Halal Mark (issued by MoIAT)</li> </ul>
<p>LICENSE FOR HALAL NATIONAL MARK</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Halal Certified Companies in UAE and outside of UAE can apply to MoIAT for the license to use the National Halal Mark.</li> <li>• They can apply online using MoIAT website and by uploading the below documents:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Technical reports (evaluation report, onsite assessment report and test report)</li> <li>➤ Valid accreditation certificate with the scope of accreditation from the accredited Halal Certification Bodies.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The technical file will be reviewed by MoIAT and the decision to grant the National Halal Mark License will be done.</li> </ul>

### HALAL NATIONAL MARK CERTIFICATION PROCESS



### 3. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

<p>LABELLING REQUIREMENTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As per the applicable standard</li> </ul>
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### 4. FEES

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Halal Application form – this has to be filled in order to understand for us to prepare the quote</li> <li>• Fee is based on Minimum Audit Time for Initial Certification/Recertification &amp; Surveillance audit as per Annex B of UAE.S GSO 2055-2:2021</li> <li>• Available upon request from the local SGS office</li> </ul>
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