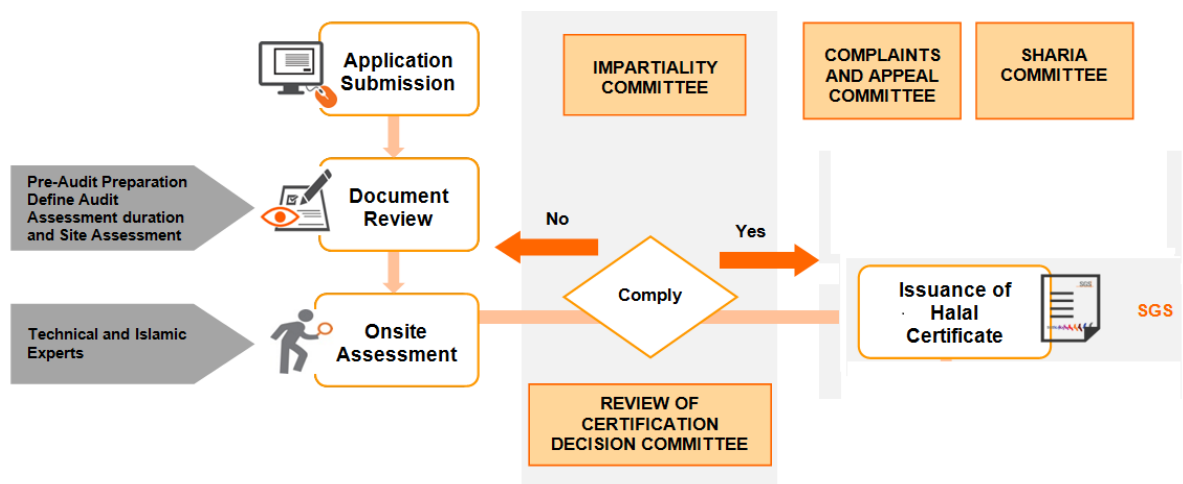


GUIDELINES OF IMPORTS FOR THE TRADE		
GCC STANDARDIZATION ORGANIZATION		
 <p>Halal GSO 2055-2:2021 HPC 0016</p>	<p>GCC HALAL CERTIFICATION</p>	 <p>Halal GSO 2055-2:2021 HPC 0016</p>
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1. GSO HALAL AUDITS MANDATE		
PROGRAM NAME	GCC HALAL CERTIFICATION	
PROGRAM MANDATED BY	GCC STANDARDIZATION ORGANIZATION	
PROGRAM SCOPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess and verify compliance of Halal products that will be traded within the GCC Countries, and to confirm if they are in accordance with the regulations, rules, specifications and conditions approved by GSO. • Issuance of certificate and use of Halal Mark to be placed on the products or services or facilities conforming to the requirements of the GSO System for the Control of Halal Products. 	
REGULATED PRODUCTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSO Regulation of Control over Halal products including production system and services associated with the products. • The following product categories are subject to this program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Halal Food Products covered under category codes ➤ Farming; Animals & Plants ➤ Food Manufacturing ➤ Animal Feed Production ➤ Catering ➤ Retail, transport and storage; Distribution & Provision of Transport and Storage Services ➤ Auxiliary services; Services, Production of Food Packaging and Packaging Material, Equipment manufacturing ➤ Biochemical; Pesticides, drugs, fertilizers, cleaning agents, cosmetics, textiles, leather products, additives, vitamins, minerals..etc • The above regulated products fall under the category codes A,B,C,D, E, F,G, H, I, J, and K of GSO 2055-2:2021 	
APPLICABLE STANDARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSO 2055-1:2015; GSO 2055-2:2021; GSO 2055-4:2021, GSO 993:2015, UAE.S.2055-1:2015, UAE.S.GSO 2055-2:2021, UAE.S.GSO 2055-4:2021, UAE.S.993:2022 	

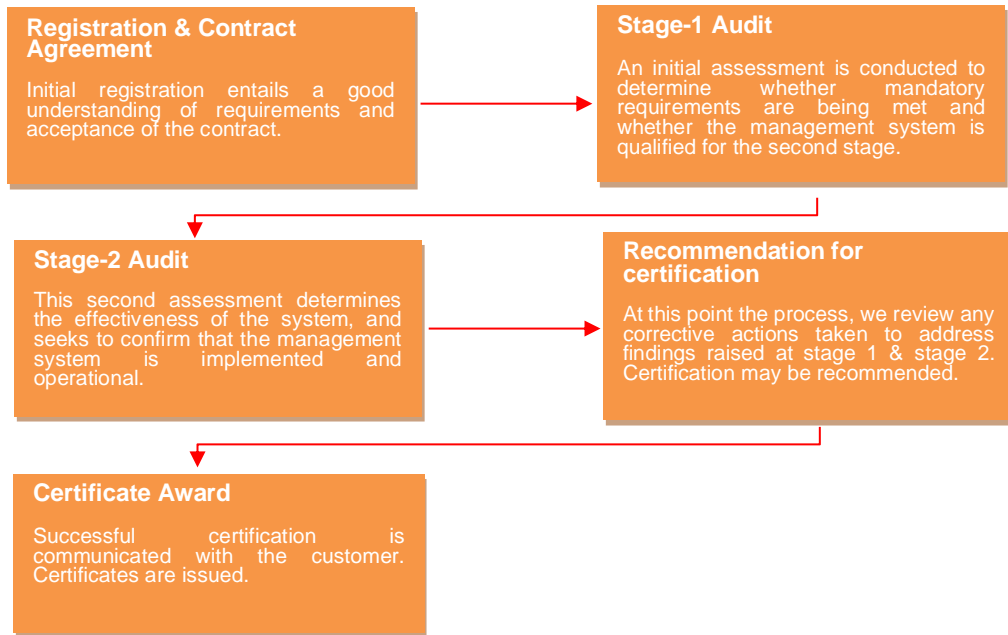
ASSESSMENT METHODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depending on the nature of the product, the assessment methods consist of one or a combination of the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Laboratory testing ➤ Test report verification ➤ Factory onsite audits ➤ Documentary verification
CERTIFICATION SCHEME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Type 5 of ISO/IEC 17067:2013
MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option A as per ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015
VALIDITY OF HALAL CERTIFICATE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Validity is for 3 years from the date of issuance • Surveillance audits are conducted on 2nd and 3rd Year
<p>2. VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS</p>	
DOCUMENTATION	<p>The applicant submits to SGS the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form; this has to be filled in order to understand for us to prepare the quote • 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 • Halal Agreement between SGS and the applicant • Declaration of Conformity by the applicant of the products on the company's letter head • Valid Industry/Trade/Commercial License (For companies within UAE) • Certificate of export and or authenticated free sales certificate from the country of origin for imported products. • Product composition and ingredients concentration report issued by manufacturer • 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 • Test report from ISO 17025 accredited laboratory as per GSO standard requirement. • Facility map/ Factory Layout for the products • Label artworks • Table of raw materials • Copy of Halal certificate of ingredients/raw materials or copy of product specification or any other claims • Brief description of manufacturing process flow chart and plant equipment lay out in the form of a Halal System Plan (HSP)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of raw materials & packaging materials from the suppliers ensuring their Halal origin
<p>VERIFICATION PROCESS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The applicant must submit the application to SGS along with the documents specified above. • 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. • Field visit by SGS Halal Auditors to carry out assessment and evaluation of products. • For initial audit, the audit programme shall include a two-stage audit “Stage 01 and Stage 02” • The interval between Stage 01 and Stage 02 audits is reasonably expected to be not longer than 6 months. Stage 01 audit should be repeated if a longer interval is needed. • When the results of conformity assessment demonstrate that the relevant requirements are met, and Certification Decision Committee approves the file, SGS shall issue an SGS Halal Certificate and Schedule of Certification (SOC). • Halal Certificate is valid for 3 years • Surveillance audit to be conducted by SGS on 1st and 2nd year to ensure continuous compliance to the standard and regulation requirements. • Recertification audit in the 3rd prior to expiration of certification. The certified organization should submit a recertification application six (6) months prior to the expiry date of current Halal certificate. • Inspections to be carried out by SGS to check on the compliance.
<p>CERTIFICATE ISSUED</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SGS Halal Certificate (COC) and Schedule of Certification (SOC)

HALAL NATIONAL MARK CERTIFICATION PROCESS



STEPS TO HALAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM CERTIFICATION



3. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

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

- Halal Application form – this has to be filled in order to understand for us to prepare the quote
- Fee is based on Minimum Audit Time for Initial Certification/Recertification & Surveillance audit as per Annex B of GSO 2055-2:2021
- Available upon request from the local SGS office

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