HALAL CERTIFICATION SCHEME

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Target Audience:
Applicable to organizations and stakeholders across all relevant industry sectors.

How to Use This Scheme

This document only explains the executive summary.
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Executive Summary of the HQC Halal Certification Scheme

What this document is
The HQC Halal Certification Scheme explains how Halal Quality Control (HQC) conducts Halal certification for products, processes, and services worldwide.
It provides a transparent, structured, and internationally recognized framework that ensures Halal integrity, regulatory compliance, and consistent certification decisions.

Please note that the full version is available at www.halalqualitycontrol.com

What HQC Certifies
HQC provides Halal certification for organizations involved in:

I. food and beverage production,
II. slaughtering and animal processing,
III. ingredients, chemicals, and additives,
IV. cosmetics and personal care,
V. logistics, storage, and services,
VI. laboratories and testing,
VII. export-oriented Halal production.

Certification scope is defined by:

I. HQC's accreditation and authority recognition,
II. the HQC Certification Category Index,
III. and the scope stated on each Halal certificate.

How Certification Works
HQC follows a clear and structured certification process:

1. Application
2. Application Review
3. Contractual Agreement
4. Assessment (Stage 1 and/or Stage 2 where applicable)
5. Corrective Actions (if needed)
6. Certification Decision
7. Issuance of Halal Certificate
8. Surveillance
9. Re-Certification

What HQC Assesses
HQC verifies Halal compliance by evaluating:

I. raw materials and ingredients,
II. suppliers and sourcing,
III. production and processing,
IV. storage and handling,
V. documentation and traceability,
VI. Halal control systems.

Where necessary, HQC may also conduct supplier audits to verify Halal compliance of upstream suppliers, even when those suppliers are not Halal certified.

What the Certificate Means
An HQC Halal certificate confirms that:

I. the approved products or services comply with Halal requirements,
II. the organization operates under controlled Halal processes,
III. compliance is monitored through surveillance and re-certification.

Certificates are valid for a defined period and remain valid only if compliance is maintained.

How HQC Supports You
HQC provides structured guidance through:

I. technical HQC Guidelines (ingredients, ethanol, suppliers, categories),
II. Halal Assurance Program (HAP) Scheme,
III. slaughtering, laboratory, and export schemes,
IV. HQC Academy training and awareness programs.

This ensures organizations are not only certified, but properly prepared.

Export and Authority Requirements
Special Halal or regulatory requirements imposed by authorities such as Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Malaysia, and others are defined in the applicable Special Export Guideline Schemes.

HQC supports clients in identifying and applying all such requirements.

Why HQC
HQC operates under international accreditation, independent decision-making, transparent governance, and global Halal authority recognition.

This ensures your Halal certification is accepted, trusted, and respected worldwide.

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