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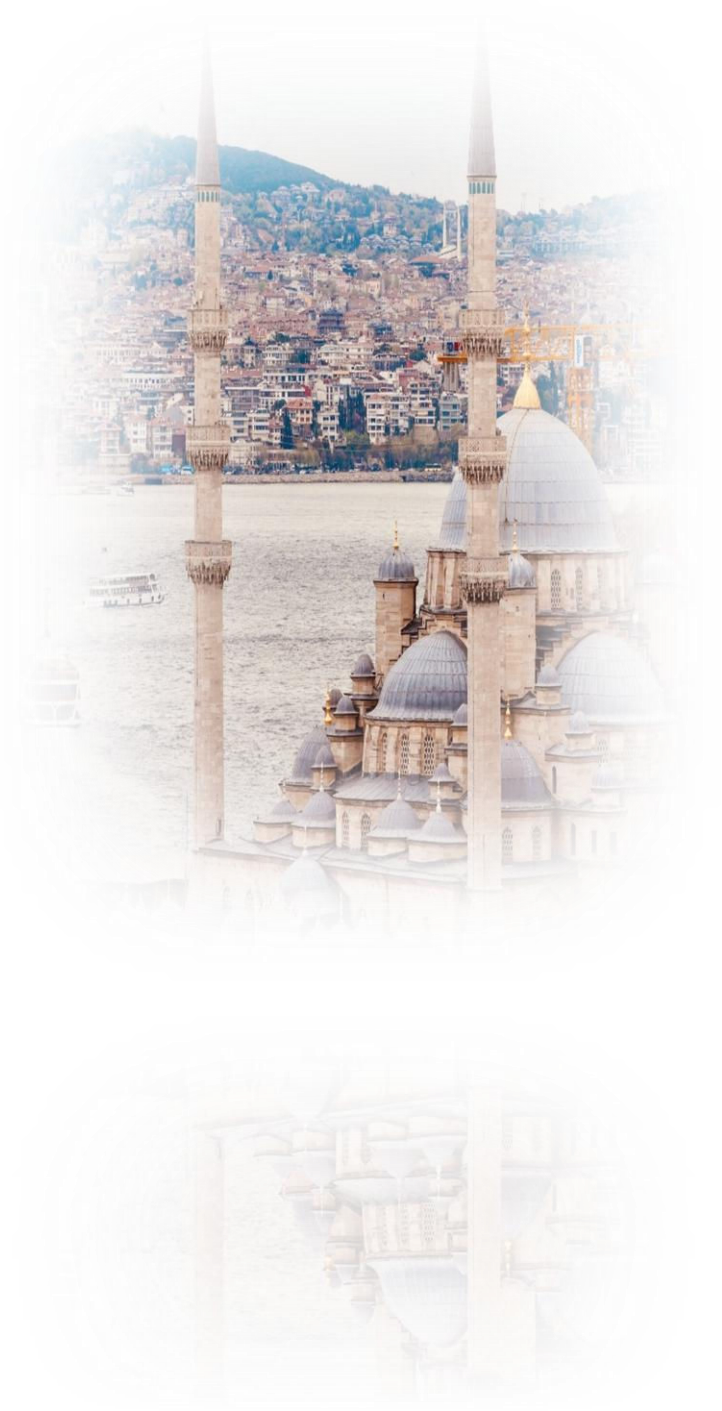

1. Introduction

The Halal Quality Control Group provides comprehensive guidelines to help its existing and upcoming clients navigate the certification process, effectively outlining the procedure to minimize complexity while reducing audit duplication and costs.

This HQC Certification Scheme Attachment (HAK Version) outlines the essential prerequisites for obtaining certification of Halal-compliant products, services, and practices for customers exporting to Türkiye.

This Scheme is linked to the main **HQC Certification Scheme** and is managed, regulated, supervised, and periodically updated by Halal Quality Control The Netherlands (HQC Headquarters).
All HAK-specific requirements are mentioned within this scheme.

2. General Information

This scheme outlines the rules and guidelines for customers seeking Halal certification for exports to Türkiye, based on their conformity with the requirements of Halal Quality Control The Netherlands. It is important to note that the below Reference Standards are only to be used on Halal Certificates that are issued and authorized by Halal Quality Control The Netherlands.

2.1 Reference (Halal) Standards Applicable for this scheme

a) OIC/SMIIC 1: 2019: General Requirements for Halal Foods
b) OIC/SMIIC 4: 2018: General Requirements for Halal Cosmetics
c) OIC/SMIIC 50-1:2022 Halal Pharmaceuticals - Part 1 - General Requirements
d) OIC/SMIIC 23:2022 Feeding Stuffs for Halal Animals – General Requirements
e) OIC/SMIIC 24: 2020: General Requirements for Food Additives
f) OIC/SMIIC 17-1:2020: Halal Supply Chain Management Systems Part 1: Transportation
g) OIC/SMIIC 17-2:2020: Halal Supply Chain Management Systems Part 2: Warehousing

Note: To purchase any of the above standards, please refer to the **SMIIC Standards main website** or contact Halal Quality Control for assistance.

2.2 Relevant HQC Schemes Applicable

a) HQC Halal Assurance Program Scheme (for General Manufacturers)
b) HQC Animal Slaughtering and Awareness Scheme (for Slaughtering Plants)
c) HQC Service Provider Scheme (for Service Providers)
d) HQC Academy Schemes (to comply with the Training Requirements)
e) HQC Sampling and Laboratory Testing Scheme (for Sampling instructions)

For more information, please visit the **HQC Schemes section** on our website.

2.3 Definitions

This scheme provides a concise summary of critical definitions for ease of comprehension.

Halal

Permissible/allowed in accordance with the Islamic Law.

Haram

Forbidden in accordance with the Islamic Law.

General Haram Terms

i. **Pork and its by-products:** All parts of the pig, including pork meat, ham, bacon, lard, and certain types of gelatin, among others, are haram.
ii. **Alcohol and intoxicants:** All types of alcoholic beverages, including beer, wine, whiskey, vodka, and any foods or drinks containing alcohol, are haram. Drugs that are used for recreational purposes and cause harm are also haram.
iii. **Carnivorous animals and birds of prey:** Animals with fangs, such as lions, dogs, wolves, and cats, and birds with sharp claws, such as eagles and hawks, are considered haram.
iv. **Dead animals and blood:** Animals that have not been slaughtered according to Islamic law, have died of natural causes, or were killed by other animals are haram. Blood is also considered haram.
v. **Animals slaughtered in the name of anything other than God:** If an animal is slaughtered in the name of anything or anyone other than God (Allah SWT), it is considered haram.

Halal Certificates [multiple definitions could apply]

i. A certificate of conformity issued by a competent and accredited third party.
ii. A statement of conformity.
iii. Licensing the rights to make use of the Halal mark/logo.
iv. A certificate of conformity for a single batch of products.

Third-Party Halal Certificates

These are Halal certificates that are issued by organizations other than the Halal Quality Control Group. These certificates serve as proof that a product or service meets the necessary Halal standards, as determined by the issuing organization.

Halal Certification Bodies

These are entities that have been accredited or recognized with the authority to issue Halal certificates to manufacturing sites. They assess whether a product or service complies with Halal standards and, if it does, provide a certificate to attest to its halal status.

Halal Accreditation Bodies
These are the authorities that have the power to accredit Halal Certification Bodies. In other words, they are the entities that verify and endorse the legitimacy and competence of Halal Certification Bodies, ensuring that these bodies are capable of reliably determining whether a product or service is Halal.

HAK
The main Halal authority in Türkiye (the Halal Accreditation Agency) regulating the domestic requirements for incoming Halal products, including granting accreditation to Halal certification bodies.

Halal Mark or Logo
This is an approved mark or logo from that is granted to a product, service, or system that has been successfully certified as halal. The presence of this mark or logo on a product's packaging indicates to consumers that the product is halal. Each mark owner may have specific usage requirements.

2.4 Approved Scopes and Categories

Only categories for which HQC is formally approved can be displayed on Halal Certificates issued by the approved HQC office.
The details can be found on HAK's main website.

2.5 Risk Classes [Reference: HQC Risk Classification Table Version 2.1]

View HQC Risk Classification Table Version 2.1



2.6 Types of Halal Certificates Applicable for Malaysia

a) There are two (2) certification documents issued depending on the extent of conformance with the Halal Quality Control Scheme:

Type	Certificate Type	Description
1	**Halal Factory Certificate** (also known as Annual) **Mandatory**	A certificate awarded by Halal Quality Control to the customer and its optional manufacturing site(s). This certificate must include an appendix that lists all approved products or processes and details their specifications. The Halal Standards reference, as mentioned in Section 2.1, must be reflected in the certificate. A valid signature, an Approved Signatory, a QR code linking to www.halaloffice.com or www.halalqualitycontrol.com, a Customer ID, and a unique reference number (certification number) shall always be included on each issued Factory Certificate. **All issued Halal Factory Certificates may only be issued through HQC The Netherlands, which must include the Dutch address on the Halal Certificate.** **These certificates must be signed by either the CEO or the Chief Director for approval.** See Example Halal Factory Certificate
2	**Halal Shipment Certificate** (also known as Batch) **Optional**	This document, issued by Halal Quality Control, is specific to a shipment from an approved manufacturer or facility. Type A Shipment Certificates: Slaughtering Plants only Type B Shipment Certificates: All Other Products Type SA and SB: Saudi Arabia Exports only Key details include the producer, importer, exporter, health certificate number (if applicable), product quantities (in kilograms or liters), production and expiry dates, and a detailed product description. All other aspects of the Factory Halal Certificate apply. **All issued Halal Factory Certificates may only be issued through HQC The Netherlands, which must include the Dutch address on the Halal Certificate.** **These certificates must be signed by either the CEO or the Chief Director for approval.** See Example Halal Shipment Certificate

2.7 Validity of Halal Certificates (issued with a HAK logo or SMIIC Standard)

2.7.1 Halal Factory Certificates

a) 1 up to 3 years (certification cycle)

2.7.2 Halal Shipment Certificates

a) Valid per consignment or production date(s)

b) All approved products may be claimed Halal until the Expiry Date as mentioned on the label or packaging

2.8 Verification of Halal Certificates

a) All Halal Certificates issued by HQC contain a QR code for verification purposes.

b) Anyone may also verify the validity of any Halal Certificate by visiting our Validation page: https://www.halalqualitycontrol.com/certificate-validation/

2.9 List of Approved Bodies by HAK

We refer to **HAK's main website** for general information and announcements.

3. Scope

This scheme gives the public an understanding of the fundamental prerequisites and steps necessary to obtain Halal Certificates issued by HQC The Netherlands (Headquarters) with an attached HAK logo. Additionally, this scheme outlines the restrictions and terms needed to obtain such a Halal Certificate.

4. Certification Process

We refer to the main HQC Certification scheme for general requirements

5. Restrictions

5.1 Issuing Parties

a) All Halal Certificates as specified in Section 2.6 may only be issued, signed, and authorized by the Halal Quality Control Headquarters, located in The Hague, the Netherlands

b) All signatories must be from the Halal Quality Control Headquarters.

c) Unless another HQC APO (Authorized Partner Office) received formal accreditation for its location, point a) remains in force.

d) If an APO wishes to obtain a Halal Certificate bearing a HAK logo, it must first request this from HQC Headquarters, after which manual approval can be considered.

e) The IT Department managing the HQC E-Portal system must ensure to automate this scheme.

5.2 Categories and Standards

a) HQC Headquarters may only issue Halal Certificates to its customers bearing the HAK logo for its approved categories and scopes.

b) HQC Headquarters shall restrict and limit the system (the HQC E-Portal) by allowing Halal Certificates to mention only the categories for which HQC Headquarters is accredited.

c) All certified customers that need a SMIIC reference standard must apply for or receive a Halal certificate issued by the HAK-accredited HQC office.

5.3 Border Restrictions

a) There are no border restrictions for certification activities, given that the Issuing Parties remain the correct ones.

5.4 HAK Mark Usage Guideline

a) We refer to the **HAK Halal Accreditation Mark Guidelines** for general requirements.

b) It is required that that both the accredited body by HAK and the certified companies using their mark comply with the requirements as referenced in point a).

6. Applicable Fees

We refer to the **HQC Fee Policy** for any involved fees related to this scheme.

The latest Fee Policy always applies.