HQC Global Accreditation and Recognition Overview

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Accreditation and Recognition Overview of HQC

Multiple bodies and institutes have accredited and recognized the Halal Quality Control Group. Halal Certification bodies must obtain multiple approvals to assist customers in various export regions. We kindly wish to inform you that information may change occasionally and that we do our best to describe our latest updates accurately through this guideline.

An overview of HQC's accreditation and Ecosystem can be found on
www.halalqualitycontrol.com

Legend:

AB = Accreditation Body
RB = Recognition / Regulatory Body
HCB = Halal Certification Body (either Private or Government)
HQC = Halal Quality Control
HQC HQ = HQC Headquarters
HQC APO = HQC Authorized Partner Office

The Halal Quality Control Group, in general, is accredited and/or recognized by the following authorities:

Table A: Global Authorities Overview

Authority	Country	Role	Relevant Adopted Standards
JAKIM	Malaysia	RB/HCB	MS Series Standards
BPJPH	Indonesia	AB/RB	SJPH and/or SNI Standards
MUIS	Singapore	RB/HCB	MUIS Schemes
EIAC	United Arab Emirates	AB	GSO Standards UAE.S Standards SMIIC Standards
MOIAT	United Arab Emirates	RB	GSO Standards UAE.S Standards
SASO	Saudi Arabia/Gulf	AB	GSO Standards
HSC	Saudi Arabia	RB	GSO Standards
HAK	Türkiye	AB	SMIIC Standards
MOPH	Qatar	RB	GSO Standards MS Standards
IMANOR	Morocco	RB/HCB	MS Standards GSO Standards
CICOT	Thailand	RB/HCB	Variety of Standards
GAC	Saudi Arabia/Gulf	AB	GSO Standards SMIIC Standards
ENAS	United Arab Emirates	AB	GSO Standards UAE.S Standards
SAAC	Saudi Arabia	AB	GSO Standards

More information can be found on **www.halalqualitycontrol.com/accreditation**

You may view or download the **Approved (Halal) Standards** list through our website.

All of the above Authorities are either Sub-Governmental or Governmental Bodies.

An overview of HQC's global accreditation and recognition (includes HQC APO)

Table B: HQC Global Approval Overview

AB / RB	Approved HQC/APO*	Notes or Remarks**
JAKIM	HQC The Netherlands	See Approved Scopes on the Recognition Certificate or on the HQC HQ website. Please note that only HQC HQ (The Netherlands) may issue Halal certificates for products destined for Malaysia. HQC APOs without formal recognition are not permitted to use or audit against the MS Standard, nor are they allowed to issue Halal certificates mentioning these standards. We refer to the **JAKIM Scheme** for more details.
BPJPH	HQC The Netherlands HQC United Kingdom HQC Denmark HQC Germany HQC Austria HQC France HQC Italy HQC Spain HQC Ireland HQC Poland HQC Belgium	As of April 2025, the following locations have received accreditation: HQC The Netherlands HQC Germany HQC Poland HQC Spain HQC Italy All other offices have received the official MRA between that HQC office and the BPJPH. The Law will not commence until October 2026. Until October 2026, the Border Restrictions do not apply. After October 2026, Border Restrictions will be enforced, meaning that an HCB can only certify facilities within its country of registration and accreditation by the BPJPH. We kindly request you to keep an eye out for the Approved Body list on the **BPJPH website**
MUIS	HQC The Netherlands	MUIS might implement a new scheme in 2025 for its approved HCBs, which might introduce new requirements or restrictions. Updates will be provided through our Newsletters or on our website.

EIAC	HQC The Netherlands HQC Germany HQC France HQC Denmark HQC Belgium HQC Greece HQC Italia HQC Spain HQC Austria HQC Hungary	See Approved Scopes on the Accreditation Certificate or the HQC HQ / APO / **EIAC** website. Border Restrictions may apply to particular scopes.
MOIAT (UAE Ministry of Industry)	Same as EIAC / ENAS	
SASO	HQC The Netherlands HQC France HQC Germany HQC Italia HQC Austria HQ Greece HQC Hungary HQC Denmark HQC Spain	See Approved Scopes on the Accreditation Certificate or the HQC HQ / APO / SASO website. Border Restrictions may apply to particular scopes.
SHC (Saudi Halal Center)	HQC The Netherlands HQC France HQC Germany HQC Italia HQC Austria HQ Greece HQC Hungary HQC Denmark HQC Spain	See Approved Scopes on the SHC Certificate or the HQC HQ / APO / **SHC** website (scroll down until you see 'Accredited HCB'. Border Restrictions apply. We refer to the **Saudi Export Guideline** for more details. Registration for Saudi export can be done through our **registration page.**
HAK (currently on hold)	HQC The Netherlands	Re-assessments after reorganization will commence in May 2025 for HQC The Netherlands. More details and updates will be available in our Newsletters or on our website.
Ministry of Public Health (Qatar)	HQC The Netherlands HQC Germany	Only HQC The Netherlands and HQC Germany can issue Halal certificates for exports to Qatar. If a company is not located in either of the countries where HQC holds approval, it may request HQC The Netherlands or Germany for assistance.
IMANOR	HQC The Netherlands HQC France HQC Germany HQC Spain HQC Denmark HQC Italy HQC Poland	Further information coming in Q4 2025. Current approvals are valid and active.

CICOT	HQC The Netherlands HQC Germany HQC France HQC Denmark HQC Belgium HQC Greece HQC Italia HQC Spain HQC Austria HQC UK HQC Ireland	CICOT is reorganizing its list of approved HCBs in 2025. Border Restrictions may apply from Q2/3 2025.
GAC (new)	HQC Poland	In progress for accreditation as of April 2025. Please keep an eye out for our newsletters or website for updates on the progress.
ENAS (new)	HQC Ireland	In progress for accreditation as of April 2025. Please keep an eye out for our newsletters or website for updates on the progress.
SAAC (new)	HQC The Netherlands HQC Belgium HQC Ireland	In progress for accreditation as of April 2025. Please keep an eye out for our newsletters or website for updates on the progress.

*An accreditation or recognition may be provided to either HQC Headquarters or to an HQC Authorized Partner Office.
Each accreditation or recognition is provided independently for that particular HQC office.
There are no exclusivities for using the accreditation or recognition claims, as the HQC Group is considered one ecosystem. However, restrictions for specific areas may apply, and we aim to outline these restrictions as much as possible.

**Updates and amendments may occur from time to time; we advise you to contact HQC regularly to ensure you are aware of the latest updates.