



List of halal certifiers

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There are no norms or regulation set by the government because the halal is only seen as a religious requirement. The absence of halal certification requirements recognized by the government often gives rise to consumer distrust of products that are labeled as halal.

The halal certificate is issued by independent control organizations that can operate under a commercial form or as a non-profit association.

There are at least 144 certification bodies worldwide that can be classified.

They certify as:

1. Islamic organization
2. certification office under the supervision of an Islamic organization
3. mosque
4. independent certification agency
5. profitable companies
6. semi-government or government agency

There are 11 large global organizations to which certifiers are affiliated.

For example, most Dutch certifiers are affiliated with WHFC, for example.

Companies that want to bring halal products to the market can therefore choose from a wide range of organizations that can issue a halal certificate after an audit & regular check.

Their methodology and professionalism differs to a greater or lesser extent.

It is therefore of the utmost importance to select reputed audit & control companies and to know what they stand for.

From a legal point of view, such a halal certificate is not mandatory, but it gives a certain guarantee to the product and in this way stimulates the confidence of the Muslim consumer.

Some consumers make the effort to find out who or what is behind such a certificate, others are already satisfied when they see a label with Arabic lettering.

One of the stumbling blocks to the further growth of the halal market is precisely the lack of a legal framework so that everyone could stick a halal certificate on their products without legal consequences.

The other stumbling block is the discussion about whether or not to allow anesthesia for the slaughter (the vast majority of Muslims have no problem with that) and the mechanical slaughter of poultry (the vast majority have problems with that). Scholars will have to play a greater role in this and scientific research is desperately needed.

Halal in Europe

In Europe, no 1 halal is authority. There are, however, various certifiers accredited by various authorities.

The Netherlands

HFFIA

Halalcorrect

HIC

HQC

There are also certifiers from abroad who certify in NL.

France

In France, it is mainly the mosques that are active as control bodies.

The 3 largest in the country (the Grande Mosquée de Paris, Evry and Lyon) are responsible for the halal certification of the vast majority of all halal products in France.

The best-known certification organizations in France are:

AVS (A Votre Service),

Halal Services,

Shahada and ARGML (Association Rituelle de la Grande Mosquee de Lyon).

In addition, MCI (Muslim Conseil International), SFCVH (Société Francaise de Control de Viande Halal) and SCVH (Société Contrôle Viande Halal) very active.

England

For England, the references are HMC (Halal Monitoring Committee), HMS (Halal Muslim Society) and HFA (Halal Food Authority).

Belgium

In Belgium there are a dozen control bodies such as, for example, Eurohalal

European Islamic Halal Certification,

Islamic Food Council of Europe,

European Certification and Control of Halal.

In addition, there is also the "Halal Federation of Belgium - HFB", established in 2007, of which some control bodies are members.

Portugal

EU halal, HIP

Italy

HIA, CO.RE.IS (Communit Religiosa Islamica)

Outside Europe

Malaysia

Malaysia has a strong reputation internationally.

Their certificate comes from a state-controlled institution JAKIM.

Brunei has also set up a control organization that is being promoted with a lot of marketing resources in every corner of the world: Brunei Halal.

Accredited lists

There are accredited lists from MUI

JAKIM 2018

<http://www.halal.gov.my/ckfinder/userfiles/files/cb/SENARAI%20CB%20TERKINI%20SETAKAT%20FEBRUARI%20%202018.pdf> en

Saudi Arabia GACs see website http://www.gac.org.sa/en/approved_provider/

There is currently an enormous growth of various certification agencies, which means that consumers have a great need for clarity around the various quality marks. An overview of halal control organisms in Europe can be requested by sending an email to info@ikeethalal.nl

