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Accreditation

Supporting and Ensuring the Integrity of Global Halal Market



What are the Issues?



- Absence of a solid Halal conformity and quality infrastructure that support and facilitate global Halal trade, including globally accepted halal standards to achieve greater harmonization in conformity assessment and accreditation practices.
- Absence of any viable international schemes to accredit Halal Certification Bodies (HCBs) resulting to the lack of credibility of the certificates granted by the halal certifiers.
- Limited accreditation capacities, low metrological capabilities and risk of rejection of products in the export market.



How can we ensure the authenticity and credibility of Halal products or services?



There should be an authority that can accurately certify that products and services conforms to the Halal standards. In halal food certification, every stage of food processing is examined which means checking from farm to fork.

Halal certification affirms that products can be lawfully consumed by Muslims because they are produced based on Shariah Principles.



It provides confidence to the consumers and prevents confusion on the halal status of a product.

Halal certification involves conformity assessment activities like testing and inspection. The activities must be performed competently and in accordance to the stipulated halal requirements.

What is the Role of Accreditation?



Accreditation ensures that a certification body is competent to certify halal products or services.

Accreditation is recognized world wide because it operates based on international standards that facilitate global acceptance of halal products and services.

Accreditation relates to competence in the performance of conformity assessment such as testing and calibration in laboratories, or to the competence of certification and inspections bodies. Competent conformity assessment ensure the integrity of halal products.

Accreditation bodies also demonstrate competence, impartiality and independence in order to maintain mutual recognition arrangements by means of membership to relevant international bodies that engage in peer reviews of each other.

These international arrangements are being handled by the following:

- International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)

and International Accreditation Forum (IAF). ILAC and IAF both facilitates international trade through enhanced confidence.

- International Halal Accreditation Forum (IHAF) has been established with the aim of having a solid foundation for the global industry; harmonizing accreditation practices and facilitating global halal trade.

What are the benefits of Accreditation?

Accreditation bolsters the credibility of the certification bodies translating to positive effects to the consumers. Certification bodies maintain high standards in order to keep their accreditation. Similarly, manufacturers should maintain the provision of high quality, products or services that are adherent to the halal principles to retain their certification.

Accredited certification bodies safeguard the credibility and set out the global standards for safe, wholesome and humane friendly products and services

It ensures that products and services placed in the market meet internationally prescribed standards and requirement as well as halal standards and requirements set by the consumers.

Accreditation serves as a decisive marketing advantage in the increasingly growing halal industry.