

ACCREDITATION CRITERIA FOR HALAL CERTIFICATION BODIES

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PREFACE

The attached accreditation criteria have been issued to provide all interested parties with guidelines on implementing performance features of the applicable standards referenced herein. The criteria were developed and adopted following public hearings conducted by the International Accreditation Service, Inc. (IAS), Accreditation Committee and are effective on the date shown above. All accreditations issued or reissued on or after the effective date must comply with these criteria. If the criteria are an updated version from a previous edition, solid vertical lines (|) in the outer margin within the criteria indicate a technical change or addition from the previous edition. Deletion indicators (→) are provided in the outer margins where a paragraph or item has been deleted if the deletion resulted from a technical change. These criteria may be further revised as the need dictates.

IAS may consider alternate criteria provided the proponent submits substantiating data demonstrating that the alternate criteria are at least equivalent to the attached criteria and otherwise meet applicable accreditation requirements.

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PROPOSED CCREDITATION CRITERIA FOR HALAL CERTIFICATION BODIES

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. **Scope:** These criteria set forth the requirements for obtaining and maintaining International Accreditation Service, Inc. (IAS), Halal Certification Body accreditation. These criteria supplement the IAS Rules of Procedure for Halal Certification Bodies and the Accreditation Criteria for Product Certification Agencies, AC370.
- 1.2. **Normative and Reference Documents:** Publications listed below refer to current editions (unless otherwise stated).
- 1.2.1. ISO/IEC 17000: Conformity assessment — Vocabulary and general principles.
 - 1.2.2. ISO/IEC 17065, Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services.
 - 1.2.3. ISO/IEC 17067, Conformity assessment – Fundamentals of product certification and guidelines for product certification schemes.
 - 1.2.4. ISO/IEC Standard 17011, Conformity assessment – Requirements for accreditation bodies accrediting conformity assessment bodies.
 - 1.2.5. ISO/IEC Guide 23: Methods of indicating conformity with standards for third-party certification systems.
 - 1.2.6. ISO/IEC 17030:2003: Conformity assessment -- General requirements for third-party marks of conformity.
 - 1.2.7. IHAF/RD 03:2018 - Criteria for Halal Accreditation Body.
 - 1.2.8. IHAF/RD 04:2018 - Criteria for Halal Certification Body.
 - 1.2.9. GSO 2055-1:2015: HALAL FOOD - Part 1: General Requirements.
 - 1.2.10. GSO 2055-2: Halal products — Part two: General Requirements for Halal Certification Bodies.
 - 1.2.11. GSO 2055-3: Halal products — Part three: General Requirements for halal accreditation bodies accrediting halal certification bodies.
 - 1.2.12. GSO 9: Labeling of prepackaged food stuffs.
 - 1.2.13. GSO 993: Animal Slaughtering Requirements According to Islamic Rules.

2. DEFINITIONS

Applicable definitions of ISO/IEC Standard 17000 series apply.

- 2.1. **IHAF:** International Halal Accreditation Forum
- 2.2. **Halal:** The term used for products, services or systems which are considered lawful (Tayeib) or permissible under the Islamic law that do not consist of or contain any part that is considered as unlawful (haram) according to Islamic law.

- 2.3. **Haram:** A term in Arabic language referring to anything that is prohibited or forbidden in the Islamic law.
- 2.4. **Halal Certification Body:** Certification body that performs activities that are fully complying with the doctrines of the Islamic law.
- 2.5. **Najis:** A term in Arabic language that means impurity or impure, dirty, polluted, contaminated, dirt, or filth.

3. ELIGIBILITY

Accreditation services are available to Halal certification bodies that

- 3.1. Provide certification services to the following products/sectors and their related processes and services:
 - 3.1.1. Food
 - 3.1.2. Cosmetics
 - 3.1.3. Pharmaceuticals
 - 3.1.4. Utilities Products (e.g. tissue, textile, resins)
 - 3.1.5. Disinfectant and cleaning agents
- 3.2. Have operated and provided certification services for at least six months in accordance with ISO/IEC 17065 and completed a minimum of one certification per major category of certification, including completion of the decision-making process and issuance of certificate.

4. REQUIRED BASIC INFORMATION

Halal certification bodies must demonstrate compliance with the following requirements:

- 4.1. ISO/IEC 17065, Conformity assessment – Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services
- 4.2. IAS Rules of Procedure for Product Certification Agency Accreditation;
- 4.3. IAS Rules of Procedure for Halal Certification Bodies;
- 4.4. GSO 2055-2: Halal products — Part two: General Requirements for Halal Certification Bodies
- 4.5. IHAF/RD 04:2018 - Criteria for Halal Certification Body

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (AS APPLICABLE)

- 5.1. The Halal certification body and any part of the same legal entity shall not offer or provide Halal consultancy, quality system consultancy nor any management system consultancy.
- 5.2. The Halal certification body shall take all steps necessary to evaluate conformance with the relevant Halal product standards according to the requirements of specific Halal product certification system. The Halal certification body shall specify the relevant standards or parts

thereof and any other requirements such as sampling, testing and inspection requirements which form the basis for the applicable Halal certification system.

5.3. The personnel of the Halal certification body can be individual auditors who work for the Halal certification body on a contract basis, or from other external sources. The Halal certification body shall be in a position to manage, control and be responsible for the performance of all its personnel and maintain comprehensive records controlling the competence of all the staff it uses in particular areas, whether they are employees, employed on contract basis or provided by external bodies.

5.4. Classification of Halal product/service categories follows Table A.1 of GSO 2055-2 standard.

6. LINKS TO ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

6.1 IAS – www.iasonline.org

6.2 International Code Council – www.iccsafe.org

6.3 International Accreditation Forum – www.iaf.nu

6.4 GCC Standardization Organization - www.gso.org.sa

6.5 International Halal Accreditation Forum – www.ihaf.org.ae