



Guide to Certification for Food and Non-food Consumables



About Halal

Islamic Dietary Laws define which food and drinks are Halal.

Halal Laws are derived from the Holy Quran (the Divine book) and the Ahadith (sayings of the Last Prophet, Muhammad (peace and blessings of the Almighty be upon Him)), and are defined by the Four Muslim Jurists (Imam Abu Hanifa, Imam Malik, Imam Shafi and Imam Ahmad).

Introducing HMC

The Halal Monitoring Committee (HMC) provides certification across a wide range of consumables that can then be used with confidence by Muslims following a Halal lifestyle. Certification is therefore not limited to food and drinks, but can also encompass product lines as diverse as pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, logistics, and animal feed.

HMC is the UK's leading Halal non profit registered charity, set up to monitor, inspect and certify Halal products. We work across the UK, in Europe and globally.

Halal Certification by HMC is an assurance that a particular product has been thoroughly investigated and found to conform to Islamic Dietary Laws as well as meeting applicable UK and international laws. Our certification process validates all products and all aspects of the manufacturing / processing of the product.

Currently there are about 3 million Halal consumers in the UK and over 1.83 billion worldwide. The UK market for Halal products is estimated at more than £6billion and the Global Halal market at \$2.3 trillion excluding the Islamic banking sector, and they are growing.

Once you have received Halal Certification through HMC you will be able to:

- Advertise your products as Halal
- Use the registered trademark Halal logo which is recognised worldwide
- Promote your products to dedicated Halal consumers
- Market your products as ingredients for use by other Halal Certified producers
- Continue to sell your products to existing non Halal markets since Halal Certification is in addition to meeting all applicable UK and international legislative and health and safety requirements.

Producers turn to HMC for our experience in working with them to find integrated, effective and practical solutions that meet the most rigorous of Halal requirements.

Retailers look for certification with HMC so they can sell with confidence to the Muslim consumer, opening up potential new markets for their products.

Consumers recognise and trust certification through HMC for its approach to ensuring that the products are genuinely Halal, not just labelled Halal.



Working with You

HMC aims to build long term relationships to help clients make the most of marketing opportunities for their Halal products. Integrity and transparency are at the heart of all our processes as we build a business based on mutual respect.

We offer:

Tried and tested processes

which promote cost effective integration into existing food safety systems

Professionalism and expertise

at every stage of the accreditation process

World wide marketing opportunities

as we are approved by the Emirates Authority For Standardization & Metrology (ESMA) and the Gulf Accreditation Centre (GAC) which will allow for HMC Certified products to be exported to the Halal market in the Middle East.

Expert insights

into the Halal consumer market across Western Europe and beyond.

Halal product guidelines

If you are considering Halal Certification you need to be sure that your products and processes meet, or can be adapted to meet, all the requirements. The following is a list of items that should not form part of your product. (The Halal Product Guideline is based on the Islamic Law as stipulated by scholars of jurisprudence). If, once you have checked through these guidelines, you have any queries about your specific products, we would be happy to discuss them with you.

Food, drinks, consumables and cleaning agent products must be free from all of the following:

Alcohol; ethanol or any other intoxicant whether liquid or solid

Insect origin such as Shellac, Cochineal etc

Human source such as L-cysteine

Blood and blood by-products such as blood plasma

Animal origin such as animal fats, oils, gelatine etc (unless from a Halal certified source or specifically authorised by HMC)

Items produced from Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO).

The product or by-product (including any product used temporarily as a substitute) must not contain or must not be derived from any one or more of the above products in however minute quantity, whether as an ingredient or sub-ingredient, a processing aid, a releasing agent, a glazing agent, an additive, a colour or in any other form.

Preparation, processing and the manufacturing equipment must also be free from all of the above. Similarly, packaging material, which comes in contact with the food product, must also be free from all of the above.

In addition to the above, all the ingredients for each product, must fully meet the relevant statutory requirements which ensure the product is safe and not harmful for human usage, as stipulated by the Department of Trade and Industry and European directives.

The above rules also apply to products bought from other companies and which are used in the manufacture of your product. You may need to forward this definition to your suppliers to confirm the suitability of their product.

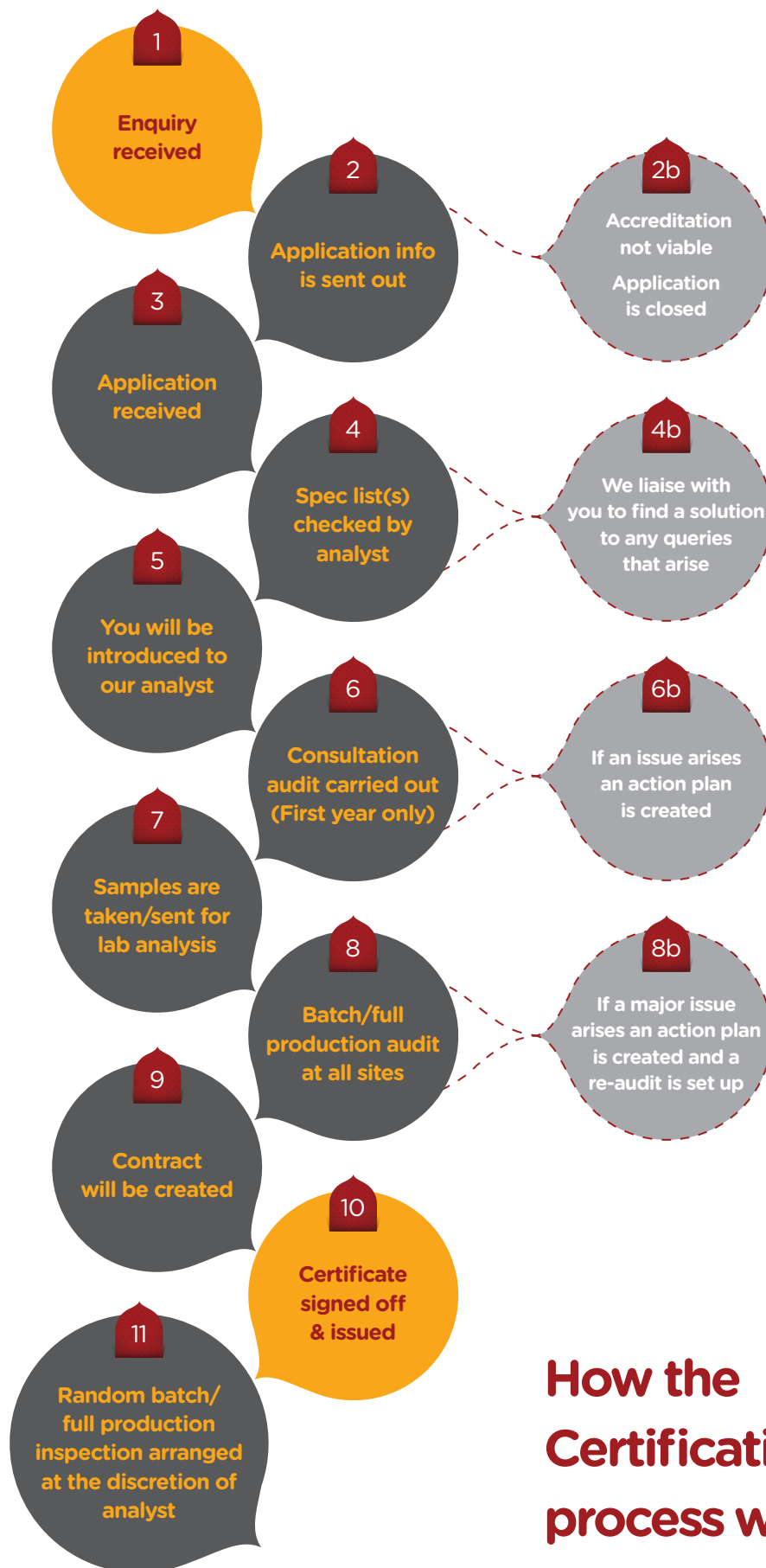


HMC Certification for consumables

HMC has developed its certification process so that it can be incorporated into your existing product and manufacturing systems.

By considering Halal requirements in the same way as sources for physical, chemical, allergenic and microbiological contamination are considered, Halal Critical Control Points (HCCPs) can be established in the process flow, critical limits set and corrective actions created.

All ingredients and all aspects of the manufacturing / processing of the product are vetted to ensure the product is not derived from, and does not come into contact with, any non-Halal substance.



Helping you apply

Application Check list

When you apply for Halal Certification you will need to send us the following details for each product along with your completed certification application form:



Product names



List of all locations of manufacture and floor plans



Process flow(s) (for all products if different)



All ingredient specifications, and all other substances used in the manufacturing process



All products used during cleaning

Added help

We realise that it may not be easy to find the manpower to detail all your processes and check out all your ingredients with your suppliers, therefore we can recommend independent Halal Consultants to work with you and your teams.

Don't fall at the final hurdle!

The number one reason for companies failing Halal Certification lies with their cleaning processes. Many cleaning products contain alcohol. We will need:



Description of the cleaning regime



Names of all products (chemicals/detergents etc.) used in the cleaning






The names, addresses and contact details of all the manufacturers / suppliers of cleaning products.

If in doubt, we can provide a list of Halal Certified cleaning products which can be used with confidence.



Keeping Costs of Certification low

We promise to keep certification costs as low as possible. Your costs will depend on three factors:

-  Number of manufacturing sites
-  Number of products
-  Turnover of company.

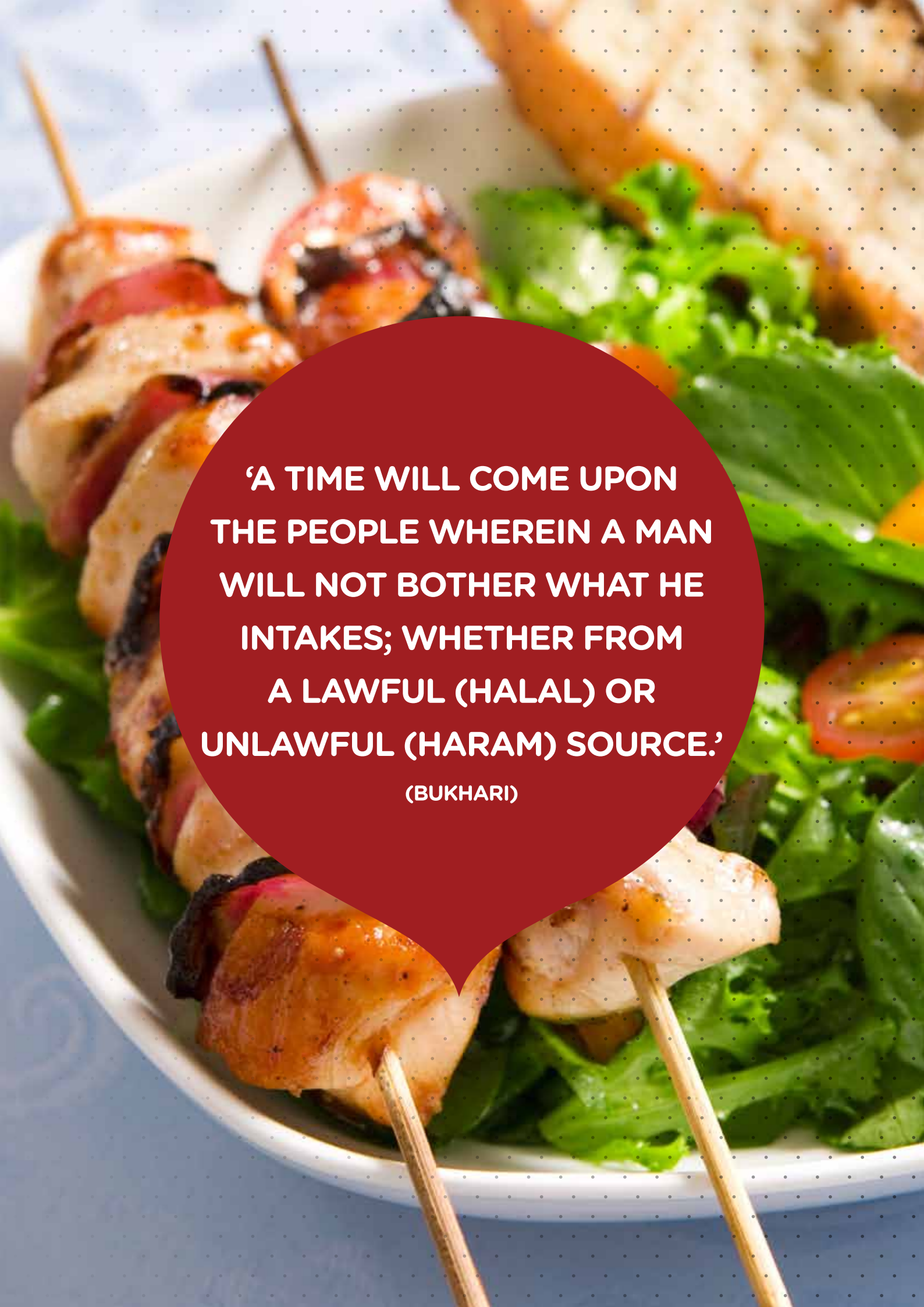
We will be able to confirm your certification costs, including those of the independent laboratories we use, from the information you submit with our application form.

Costs are under constant review, and estimates are available on request.

Moving ahead with HMC

We are always happy to answer any general or specific questions you might have about applying for Halal Certification or about the work of HMC.

For an application form to apply for certification, or for more information, please call or email us, or download an application form from the website **www.halalhmc.org**



**‘A TIME WILL COME UPON
THE PEOPLE WHEREIN A MAN
WILL NOT BOTHER WHAT HE
INTAKES; WHETHER FROM
A LAWFUL (HALAL) OR
UNLAWFUL (HARAM) SOURCE.’**

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