Approved Halal Standards and Schemes

1. Purpose and Applicability

This guideline lists the approved Halal standards, regulatory references, HQC Schemes, HQC Guidelines, and normative references used by Halal Quality Control for Halal certification and related conformity assessment activities.

The guideline supports consistent application review, audit planning, assessment, certification decision-making, certificate issuance, document review, and authority-specific certification services across HQC offices and recognized scopes.

This document applies to HQC Headquarters, HQC offices, Authorized Partner Offices, auditors, reviewers, decision-making personnel, Shariah reviewers, applicants, certified clients, and any other party using HQC certification documentation.

2. Use and Interpretation

The references listed in this document shall be used where relevant to the certification scope, product category, process, destination market, authority requirement, or accreditation/recognition status of the applicable HQC office.

Not every standard or reference listed in this guideline is applicable to every client or certification activity. HQC determines the applicable references during application review, contract review, audit planning, assessment, and certification decision-making.

Where no specific Halal standard applies, HQC may determine the most appropriate reference based on the certification scope, the HQC Certification Scheme, applicable Halal principles, authority requirements, and risk classification.

Where a destination market or authority imposes stricter or additional requirements, such requirements shall prevail for that market or authority scope.

3. Approved Halal Standards and Regulatory References

The following standards (including their notes, technical regulations, guidelines, or appendices where applicable) and references are approved for use by HQC where applicable.

The list may be updated when standards are revised, replaced, newly recognized, or withdrawn.

3.1 Organisation of Islamic Cooperation / SMIIC

Reference	Description / Application
OIC/SMIIC 1:2019	General Requirements for Halal Food
OIC/SMIIC 2:2019	Requirements for Bodies Providing Halal Certification
OIC/SMIIC 4:2018	Halal Cosmetics – General Requirements
OIC/SMIIC 17-1:2020	Halal Supply Chain Management Systems – Part 1: Transportation
OIC/SMIIC 17-2:2020	Halal Supply Chain Management Systems – Part 2: Warehousing
OIC/SMIIC 22:2021	Methods and requirements relevant to laboratory testing for Halal purposes, where applicable
OIC/SMIIC 23:2022	Feeding Stuffs for Halal Animals – General Requirements
OIC/SMIIC 24:2020	General Requirements for Food Additives
OIC/SMIIC 50-1:2022	Halal Pharmaceuticals – Part 1: General Requirements
OIC/SMIIC 57:2022	General Requirements for Operations of Bodies in Halal Inspections

3.2 United Arab Emirates

Reference	Description / Application
UAE.S 2055-1:2015	General Requirements for Halal Foods
UAE.S 2055-2:2016	General Requirements for Halal Certification Bodies
UAE.S 2055-4:2014	General Requirements for Cosmetics and Personal Care Products
UAE.S 993:2022	Animal Slaughtering Requirements According to Islamic Rules

3.3 Gulf Countries / GSO

Reference	Description / Application
GSO 2055-1:2015	General Requirements for Halal Foods
GSO 2055-2:2021	General Requirements for Halal Certification Bodies
GSO 993:2015	Animal Slaughtering Requirements According to Islamic Rules
GSO 9	Labelling of Prepackaged Food Stuffs, where applicable
GSO 2538:2021	Maximum Residues for Ethyl Alcohol Residues in Foods
GSO 2500:2022	Additives Permitted for Use in Food Stuffs

3.4 Malaysia

Reference	Description / Application
MS 1500:2019	Halal Food – General Requirements
MS 2400:2010	Halalan-Toyyiban Assurance Pipeline / Management system references for supply chain activities, where applicable
MS 2400-1:2010	Management Systems for Transportation and Logistics
MS 2400-2:2019	General Requirements for Warehousing
MS 2424	General Guidelines for Pharmaceuticals, where applicable
MS 2565	General Guidelines for Packaging Materials, where applicable
MS 2627:2017	Requirements relevant to laboratory testing for Halal purposes, where applicable
MS 2634:2019	Halal Cosmetics – General Requirements
JAKIM recognition requirements	Applicable procedures, recognition requirements, Malaysian Halal certification requirements, and related guidance issued by JAKIM, where relevant

3.5 Indonesia: BPJPH

Reference	Description / Application
BPJPH Decree Nr. 20 of 2023	Criteria for Halal Product Assurance System (SJPH/HPAS)
Law Nr. 33 of 2014	Halal Product Assurance
Government Regulation PP 39 of 2021	Implementation of Halal Product Assurance
BPJPH Decree Nr. 77 of 2023	Criteria for Ruminants and Poultry Slaughtering
BPJPH Decree Nr. 78 of 2023	Halal Food and Beverages with Processing – Certification Guidelines
BPJPH Decree Nr. 88 of 2023	Halal Logo and Label Usage for Foreign Certified Products
BPJPH Decree Nr. 90 of 2023	Registration of Foreign Halal Certificates
KMA 748 of 2021	Types of Products for Mandatory Halal Certification
MoRA Regulation Nr. 2 of 2022	International Cooperation on Halal Product Assurance
BPJPH Regulation Nr. 3 of 2023	Accreditation and/or Conformity Assessment of Foreign Halal Certification Bodies

3.6 Other Authorities and Market References

Reference	Description / Application
MUIS Halal Certification Guidelines	Singapore-related Halal certification requirements, where applicable
HAK / Türkiye requirements	Turkish authority requirements and applicable SMIIC-based certification requirements, where relevant
BCG Halal 1:2007	Brunei Darussalam Guidelines for Halal Certification, where applicable
TAS 8400-2025	Thailand-related Halal certification requirements, where applicable

4. HQC Schemes

HQC Scheme	Description / Application
HQC Halal Certification Scheme	Defines the overall framework, requirements, and procedures for obtaining and maintaining Halal certification, including application, assessment, decision-making, and certification governance.
Halal Assurance Program (HAP) Scheme Procedure 04.3	Defines requirements for establishing, implementing, and maintaining an internal Halal control system within manufacturing and processing operations.
Animal Welfare and Slaughtering (AWS) Scheme Procedure 04.6	Defines requirements for animal handling, slaughtering, bleeding, post-slaughtering activities, supervision, traceability, and related animal welfare controls.
Halal Service Providers (HSP) Scheme Procedure 04.7	Defines Halal requirements for service providers such as storage, logistics, transportation, tank storage, packaging, repacking, labelling, trading, private label management, laboratories, and other non-manufacturing activities.
Sampling and Laboratory Testing Scheme Procedure 04.8	Defines requirements for sampling, laboratory testing, approved methods, laboratory competence, reporting of results, and treatment of non-conforming or inconclusive results.
Cosmetics and Personal Care Products Scheme Procedure 04.9	Defines Halal requirements for cosmetic and personal care products, including ingredient origin, formulation, processing, packaging, labelling, storage, contamination control, alcohol use, applicators, and product-specific considerations.
HQC Supervision Scheme Procedure 04.5	Defines the rules for on-site Halal supervision by HQC personnel, including supervisor roles, monitoring activities, visit frequency, reporting, and escalation.
Special Export Guideline Schemes	Provide country-specific Halal and regulatory requirements for export markets such as Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Türkiye, and other destinations where additional requirements apply.
HQC Academy Scheme Training Requirements	Defines training and awareness activities used to support customers, auditors, Shariah auditors, reviewers, and HQC personnel in understanding and applying Halal requirements.

5. Normative References

5.1 International and conformity assessment references

Reference	Description / Application
ISO/IEC 17000	Vocabulary and general principles for conformity assessment.
ISO/IEC 17065	Requirements for bodies certifying products, processes and services.
ISO/IEC 17021-1	Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems, where applicable.
ISO 19011	Guidelines for auditing management systems.
ISO/IEC 17025	General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories.
ISO 22000	Food Safety Management Systems, where relevant to the certified sector.
ISO 22005	Traceability in the feed and food chain, where applicable.
ISO 22716	Cosmetics – Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP), where applicable.
CAC/RCP 58	Code of Hygienic Practice for Meat, where applicable.

5.2 Animal welfare and legal references

Reference	Description / Application
Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009	Protection of animals at the time of killing, where applicable.
Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005	Protection of animals during transport and related operations, where applicable.
WOAH / OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code	Animal health and welfare references, where applicable.
Local legal requirements	All relevant laws and regulations in the country of production, certification, export, or destination market.

7. Authority-Specific Notes and Limitations

This guideline is a controlled reference list and does not by itself grant approval, accreditation, recognition, or certification scope.

For authority-specific certification, export, shipment, or platform requirements, the applicable authority rules, HQC recognition status, and country-specific export guideline shall be reviewed before issuing certificates or statements.

Where a certificate must be issued by a specific HQC office because of recognition, accreditation, or authority requirements, the relevant HQC office and applicable certificate format shall be used in accordance with the HQC Certification Scheme, Global Accreditation Overview, and Fee Structure and Policy.

Where standards or authorities conflict, HQC shall apply the stricter or more authority-specific requirement for the relevant destination market or certification scope.