

**Circular Regarding the Emphasis on the Obligation to Obtain HALAL  
Certificates from the HALAL Certification Bodies Recognized by the  
SFDA's Saudi Halal Center**

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Within the continued follow-up of the Saudi Food & Drug Authority (SFDA) for the food products and verifying their compliance with the requirements of technical regulations and the approved conditions of import and clearance, considering what was observed by the SFDA that some importers of food products submit Halal certificates issued by bodies that are not recognized by the Saudi Halal Center, according to the Food Law promulgated by Royal Decree no. (M/1) dated 06/01/1436 AH, and its Implementing Regulation issued by the decision of Board of Directors no. (3-16/1439) dated 09/04/1439 AH, and based on the SFDA's control role,

We would like to emphasize to all importers of food products **that their HALAL certificates must be issued from the HALAL certification bodies recognized by the SFDA's Saudi Halal Center as follows:**

1. Halal slaughter certificate includes consignments of whole carcasses, their parts, and the entrails of cows, sheep, goats, camels, chickens, ostriches, poultry birds, rabbits, etc. (all carcasses, parts, and entrails of wild animals that are permissible to eat according to Islamic law that have not undergone any manufacturing processes except cutting and packaging).
2. Halal Certificate includes the consignments of the following products:
  - a. Processed, seasoned, and canned meat such as minced meat, burger, mortadella, sausage, dried meat, meatballs, etc.
  - b. Compound food products that contain any proportion of meat, its products and extractions, grease, gelatin, collagen, animal abomasum, and animal-derived enzymes, such as pizza, samosa, pies, cake, soap, sauce, chocolate, candy, supplements, drinks, takeaway, snacks, etc.
  - c. Any other products that have a word or logo "HALAL" on their package.

The importers can verify the list of recognized Halal Certification Bodies (HCB), which is updated regularly, through the Saudi Halal Center Website:

[/ https://halal.sfda.gov.sa](https://halal.sfda.gov.sa)

The guideline for inquiring about the listed HCB is attached, knowing that legal actions will be taken against any violation of what is stated in this circular.

