



Requirements for Accreditation of Halal Certification Bodies and Halal Certification for Meat & Meat Products



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1. India Conformity Assessment Scheme (i-CAS) for Halal Products

1. Introduction

With an objective to streamline the certification of meat and meat products as Halal from India, a scheme titled, “**India Conformity Assessment Scheme (i-CAS) - Halal**” has been developed. The scheme is notified by the DGFT for export purpose. In the initial phase, meat and meat products shall be covered under the scheme for implementation.

2. Accreditation of Halal Certification Bodies

The National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) shall provide accreditation to Halal Certification Bodies in accordance with its accreditation criteria - the standard ISO/IEC 17065, and requirements in “India Conformity Assessment Scheme (i-CAS) – Halal” of the Quality Council of India (QCI). NABCB shall follow the requirements in international standard ISO/IEC 17011 for providing accreditation.

3. Accreditation Procedure for Halal Certification Bodies

The NABCB Accreditation Procedure for Product Certification Bodies, other applicable documents, application form, fee structure etc. is available on the NABCB website <http://nabcb.qci.org.in> for certification bodies seeking accreditation for Halal Certification. NABCB, on request, will provide any specific information as required by the Halal Certification Bodies and/or organizations exporting meat & meat products that intend to be certified by NABCB accredited certification bodies.

4. Requirements for Halal Certification

“India Conformity Assessment Scheme (i-CAS) – Halal” document describes requirements for producers/suppliers of Halal Products in Part B, and for Halal Certification Bodies in Part C. *(please refer Annex -1)*

5. Registration of FBO for export of Halal meat products

APEDA Process for Registration of Facilities / Business Operators for Halal Meat Products may be viewed at <https://apeda.gov.in/apedawebsite/miscellaneous/Registration.pdf>

The APEDA has an established procedure for registration of member exporters. The exporters shall obtain Registration Cum Membership Certificate (RCMC). APEDA also issues unique identification number by issuing Certificate of Registration Integrated –cum– Meat Processing Unit to Halal meat export unit.

6. Monitoring of Export of Halal Products

- As the Monitoring Body for Halal meat and meat products, APEDA shall have the mechanism to ensure that the certification and export of Halal products has followed the i-CAS requirements. Though the accreditation to the Certification Bodies for Halal certification under i-CAS Halal shall be granted by the NABCB, the export of Halal products undertaken under these Certification Bodies shall be monitored by APEDA.

- The monitoring plan shall be based on the quantum of the export of Halal products. The Certification Bodies who have certified the Food Business Operators exporting Halal meat and meat products shall be covered under the monitoring plan. The shipments made by these Food Business Operators (FBOs) shall be taken into consideration for monitoring purpose.
- The monitoring shall be done in following two ways:
 - a) Offsite document review as and when required, and Onsite monitoring through combined witness assessment by NABCB and APEDA.
 - b) Digital exchange of information on the various stages of accreditation-The digital exchange of information shall be continuous process between NABCB and APEDA. The information related to receipt of application for accreditation, grant of accreditation, reaccreditation, suspension, withdrawal, appeal etc shall be shared with APEDA as and when it occurs. This ensures updated information on the accreditation status of the Certification Bodies and degree of compliance by each Certification Body.