



Export Food to Qatar

Introduction

Supreme Council of Health (SCH), the competent authority responsible for imported food control in Qatar recognize that effective and efficient inspection and certification systems are fundamental components of the trade in food.

SCH has the responsibility of ensuring that all food arriving in Qatar complies with the relevant GCC requirements¹. Qatar as a member of GCC country follows the GCC regulation and requirements.

Definitions:

Food Inspection	Examination of food or food safety systems by the competent authorities in the importing country, for the purposes of control of production inputs, processes and final products through all stages of food chain, to verify their conformity to the technical regulations of the GCC, or approved alternative equivalent measures.
Halal Certificate	Certificate issued by the country of origin or country of exportation by an accredited (GCC) Islamic agency (society), attesting that: the product (such as meat, fat, gelatin, rennet, the broth) has been prepared , produced and circulated in accordance with the rules of Islamic Sharia law; or the food which contains animal products or by-products is halal and has been produced in accordance with the rules of Islamic Sharia law; and that the food has been handled with equipment and instruments which are not against the teachings of Islamic Sharia law and in accordance with the GCC technical regulations.
Halal Slaughtering Certificate	Certificate issued by the country of origin by an accredited (GCC) Islamic agency (society), attesting that: the animal has been slaughtered in accordance with the rules of Islamic Sharia.
Health Certificate	Certificate (paper or electronic) issued by the competent authority in the country of origin or the country of exportation, attesting that the safety (and suitability) of the consignment of food is in accordance with the relevant technical regulations of the GCC (including registration numbers of food establishments), or approved alternative equivalent measures.

¹ All GCC food standards and technical regulations are available at GSO website:
<http://www.gso.org.sa>



Temporary release

Action taken by the competent authority, under official controls, to allow, the importer to transfer a consignment of food from the port of entry to a warehouse, pending issuance of an official decision on release.

Inspection Steps:

1. Checking of Required Documents and Health Certificates

- All consignments of imported food must be covered by appropriate documentation and certification.
- All consignments must be accompanied by an original health certificate issued by the competent authority in the country of origin or an officially recognized body.
- The health certificate should attest to compliance with the GCC requirements countries and, where relevant, animal and plant health requirements.
- Documentation issued or approved include:
 - Customs declaration
 - Commercial license / Commercial register in the relevant field.
 - Health certificate stamped from Qatar Embassy.²
 - List of Contents.
 - Halal Slaughtering Certificate for meat and poultry / Halal certificate for food items that contain ingredients of animal origin.
 - Supporting documentation for any labeled claims (nutrition claims, health claims, and other claims) as required. *Nutrition and health claims for food shall only be acceptable, if claim and wording thereof has been approved by internationally recognized scientific bodies*
 - Temperature records where required
 - Any additional documentation as requested.
 - In case where a certification of compliance has been issued by a third party operating in the country of origin/dispatch, the competent authority in the exporting country should ensure integrity, impartiality and independence of the official or officially recognized certification system.
 - In case where a foreign Meat establishment (slaughterhouse/processing plant) is interested in exporting to Qatar, it should not start its exports unless it has been approved by the GCC or the GCC have technical agreements with the competent authority of the exporting country.

2. Inspection and clearance of imported Foods:

² The health certificate is the key assurance certificate that must be issued by the concerned competent authority , Health and Halal Certificates must include certain attestations (forms as example can be found at the end of this document)



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Halal Certificate/Halal Slaughtering Certificate Forms



– Halal certificate for Export of products of Meat Origin

Halal Certificate for Meat Products in Processed Foods exporting to GCC Countries		شهادة الحلال لمشتقات اللحوم في الأغذية المصنعة المصدرة لدول مجلس التعاون لدول الخليج العربية					
1. Certificate details		تفاصيل الشهادة					
1.1 Halal Certificate Reference No.	الرقم المرجعي للشهادة الحلال	1.2 Source	مصدرها				
1.3 Date:	تاريخها						
4 توصيف وتصنيف الاغذية المصنعة التي تحتوي على منتجات اللحوم Identification of the meat and processed foods containing meat Products							
Name & Description of Meat/Processed Food	Source for meat and derivatives	Brand Name	Slaughtering Date	Expiry Date	No Packages	Batch No.	Total Weight
اسم ووصف المادة الغذائية	مصدر اللحوم و مشتقاتها	العلامة التجارية	تاريخ الذبح	تاريخ الانتهاء	عدد الطرود	رقم التشغيل	الوزن الكلي
5 Halal Attestations		إفادة الحلال					
Fats & Meat derivatives (such as gelatin) used as one of the ingredients of the processed foods, have been extracted under the supervision of an Islamic Agency in the manufacturing country and approved by the GCC on the basis of the original Halal certificate of the slaughtered animals issued by an Islamic Agency approved by the GCC in the country of origin; assurance has been provided that the meat and fat derivatives used in the food processing are the same ones covered by the original Halal certificates.		أن الدهون ومشتقات اللحوم المستخدمة كأحد مكونات المواد الغذائية المصنعة (مثل الجيلاتين) قد تم استخراجها تحت إشراف هيئة إسلامية معتمدة من قبل السلطات المختصة لدول مجلس التعاون الخليجي في بلد الصنع بناءً على شهادة الذبح الحلال الأصلية الصادرة من هيئة إسلامية معتمدة من قبل السلطات المختصة لدول مجلس التعاون الخليجي في بلد المنشأ للحوم ، مع التأكيد على أن مشتقات اللحوم المستخدمة في التصنيع هي ذات اللحوم المذكورة بشهادة الذبح الحلال الأصلية.					
6 Responsible body for signature		الجهة الرسمية المختصة المخولة بالتوقيع					
Name	الاسم	Official Stamp	الختم الرسمي				
Position	الوظيفة	Date	التاريخ				
Signature	التوقيع						



– Halal Slaughtering Certificate for Export of Meat and Meat Products

Halal Slaughtering Certificate for exporting to GCC Countries		المصدرة لدول مجلس التعاون لدول الخليج العربية					
1. Certificate details		تفاصيل الشهادة					
1.1 Halal Slaughtering Certificate Reference No.	الرقم المرجعي للشهادة الذبح الحلال	1.2 Source	مصدرها				
1.3 Date:		تاريخها					
2. The Authorized slaughterhouse:		المسلخ المرخص					
2.1 Name of the Slaughterhouse	اسم المسلخ	2.2 Address of the Slaughterhouse	عنوان المسلخ				
2.3 Veterinary Approval No	رقم التصريح البيطري	2.4 Name and Address of Competent Authority Issuing the Veterinary Approval	اسم وعنوان الجهة الرسمية المانحة للتصريح البيطري				
3. Authorized Meat Cutting Establishment		مركز تقطيع اللحوم المرخص					
3.1 Name of the Meat Cutting Establishment	اسم مركز تقطيع اللحوم	3.2 Address of Meat Cutting est.	عنوان مركز تقطيع اللحوم				
3.3 Veterinary Approval No	رقم التصريح البيطري	3.4 Name and Address of Competent Authority Issuing the Veterinary Approval	اسم وعنوان الجهة الرسمية المانحة للتصريح البيطري				
5. Identification of the meat and meat Products		توصيف وتصنيف اللحوم ومنتجاتها					
Name & Description of Meat/Processed Food	Species (meat carcass/cats)	Brand Name	Slaughtering Date	Expiry Date	No Packages	Batch No.	Total Weight
اسم ووصف المادة الغذائية	ذبائح (الانواع كاملة/ قطع)	العلامة التجارية	تاريخ الذبح	تاريخ الانتهاء	عدد الطرود	رقم التشغيل	الوزن الكلي
6. Halal Slaughtering Attestations		إفادة الذبح الحلال					
Slaughtering has occurred in an approved slaughterhouse and under the supervision of the designated Islamic Agency which has been approved by the concerned authorities in the GCC and in presence of the Islamic Agency representative, by Muslim butchers using the knife and in a place where swine is not permitted to be slaughtered.		تم الذبح بمسلخ مجاز من قبل السلطات المختصة بدول المجلس وتحت إشراف هيئة إسلامية مصرحة من قبل السلطات المختصة بدول مجلس التعاون الخليجي وبحضور مفوضها، وذلك باستخدام السكين وبأيدي قصابين مسلمين وفي مكان لا يسمح فيه بذبح الخنازير.					
The fresh meat (chilled or frozen) originated from a country and an establishment that is authorized to export Halal meat to GCC; and the animal source is Halal.		أن منشأ اللحوم الطازجة(مبردة او مجمدة) من دولة ومسلخ مسموح لهما التصدير إلى دول مجلس التعاون الخليجي و مصدرها حيوانات حلال (34).					
7. Responsible body for signature		الجهة الرسمية المختصة المخولة بالتوقيع					
Name	الاسم	Official Stamp	الختم الرسمي				
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⁽³⁴⁾The meaning of “the animal source is “Halal” is that the animal is permitted by the Islamic religion to be consumed as food according to the relevant GSO technical regulations which have mentioned the types of the animals that are not permitted by Islamic religious to be eaten as food source such e.g. pork Wild animals, toxic plants, genetically modified food products, alcohol....etc, and it is slaughtered as per the Islamic regulations (Halal)