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General information - Certification

With reference to your request, HALAL INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY (HIA) wishes to thank you for your interest towards the Halal market and has the pleasure to submit this form to your attention, with a brief description about HIA and its certification procedure.

HIA (HALAL INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY) is an Authority for international certification, accreditation, control and development of the global Halal market, officially recognized by Governmental and non-Governmental organizations. This recognition is strictly connected to the various international accreditations received by many countries all around the world, such as Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, South Africa, Egypt and GCC (Gulf Countries Council). HIA certifications allow the certified companies to reach Halal consumers worldwide and therefore to promote their exports both to Islamic and non-Islamic countries.

According to the recent report about the growth of the Islamic population by Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion and Public Life, an eminent think tank from Washington, there were approximately two billion Muslims in the world in 2010. This figure is supposed to double in twenty years, representing about one third of the world population. Many non-Muslim people as well appreciate the quality of the HIA Halal Certification.

CERTIFICATION PROCEDURE – according to HIA-HQS (Halal Quality System):

1. Certification procedure activation: the signature of the Certification contract (Form DC4) will be followed by the share of all the information and technical data necessary to the Certification procedure of your company. General information on the requested Certification process will be collected by the means of the Registration Form (Form DC1) and the Quotation Form (Form DC3).

2. Documents Audit (Stage 1): this step entails, from our HIA branches, the back office evaluation and check of the documents requested by HIA to the company (either certified or to be certified). At the end of the audit, a report is issued, containing any possible recommendation as well as tolerable and critical irregularities, detected by the audit team. Any lack, shortage or critical situation concerning the documentation, materials and/or company processes must be corrected by the company itself before the certification is issued.
3. On-Site Audit (Stage 2): this step takes place in the company site in which all the products, services and processes subject to the certification are produced, and aims at verifying the correct implementation of the HIA-HQS (Halal Quality System). At the end of the audit, a report is issued, containing any possible recommendation as well as tolerable and critical irregularities, detected by the audit team. The issuance of the certification will occur only after the removal of any critical situation detected during the company audit.
4. HIA Certification issuance: the certification is issued by the HIA Certification Committee after the approval of the audit reports.
5. HIA-HQS training: on the basis of the certification typology, a training session on the implementation of HIA-HQS is to take place before or after the conclusion of the Accreditation/Certification procedure.

Best wishes,

Halal International Authority – HIA

