

# **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 requirements<sup>1</sup>. 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.

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



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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.<sup>2</sup>
  - 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:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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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- 1. Inspection and clearance of consignments of imported food carried out according to GCC requirements and where relevant, the principles and standards of relevant international organizations e.g. Codex, OIE, IPPC
- 2. That includes: container check, temperature check, physical check, product stability, labeling and samples for analysis.
- 3. Reserve notification and detention of consignment: Situations where consignments will be detained include:
- Absence of a list of contents
- Incompatibility of food items described in the certificate with those in the consignment.
- Absence of original copy of required health certificate and/or reference number of electronic health certificate.
- The required health certificate being dated before the production date of the food
- The health certificate being issued after the date of shipment of the food
- The food production date being before the date of the Halal slaughter certificate.
- Absence of original copy of Halal slaughtering certificate with the imported meat or poultry consignments, and Halal certificate for the required food as mentioned in section 3: Definitions.
- Meat or meat products produced in food establishments/slaughterhouses not listed/approved by the GCC countries.
- Broken or changed security seals/locks prior to official inspection.
- Evidence of any fraudulent certification.
- 4. **Temporary release:** Temporary release of a consignment may be allowed in the case of non-compliance with some import requirements not related to food safety, Where allowable under GCC requirements for detained consignments, the importer may request:
- Additional information from the manufacturer/supplier or the competent authority in country of origin and/or country of export to support claims on the conformity of the product.
- Repeat laboratory analysis in an accredited laboratory and under official supervision of sample(s) that have been found non-compliant.
- Re-export the consignment
- -- Destruction under the supervision of the competent authority
- 5. Automatically detained Foods: Automatically detained where:
- Previous importations have been repeatedly non-compliant
- Prohibited from entry to GCC according to the competent authority decisions in the GCC members.
- Has already been rejected by another country
- International health warnings.

# Halal Certificate/Halal **Slaughtering Certificate Forms**

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<sup>(34)</sup>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)