



REPUBLIC OF TURKEY  
HALAL ACCREDITATION AGENCY

# **Good Practice Example at National Level Implementation on Halal Accreditation**

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# Introduction

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Large economic potential: growing number of halal certification bodies

Nonetheless:

- ❖ Lack of harmonized global standards
- ❖ Difficulties in mutual recognition

In practice: confusion and fragmentation

*(+) Dynamics of Muslim & Non-Muslim countries:*

- In the former: national obligations may not be enough for international market integration.*
- In the latter: producers & certification bodies demand a guiding hand.*

# The Role of Accreditation

## Accreditation:

- evaluates conformity assessment bodies
- ensures *competence, impartiality and consistency*
- is based on international standards
- provides institutional credibility

## A public authority which is:

- Independent and non-profit structure
- Monitoring compliance with standards
  - Safeguarding public trust
- Implementing sanctions where needed

# Impacts of Accredited Certifications - I

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## Industry-Level Benefits:

- ❖ *Reduced duplication of certification*
- ❖ *Lower costs for producers*
- ❖ *Easier market access*
- ❖ *Improved international recognition*
- Unified halal ecosystem *for all parties*
- Facilitated international halal trade
  - ❖ *Strong global supply chains*
- Worldwide credibility: Muslim consumers & producers

# Impacts of Accredited Certifications - II

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## Fundamental Benefits for Consumer Confidence:

- Greater transparency of halal verification
- Protection against misleading claims
- Trustworthy halal labels
- Assurance of consistent standards



# Halal Regulations in Türkiye

Halal Certification is **NOT mandatory** in Türkiye

Nonetheless:

\*According to Turkish Food Law: the form, appearance, packaging, packaging material used, the way it is designed and displayed, **labeling, promotion, advertisement** and **presentation** of food and feed, including the information presented through all kinds of written or visual media, **cannot be made to mislead the consumer**.

\*According to the 'Food Additives Regulation', the use of **additives obtained from pigs is prohibited**.

\*According to 'Food Labeling and Consumer Information Regulation',

- ✓ if the food contains any substance derived from pork, the expression "**Contains ... derived from pig**"
- ✓ for beverages **containing more than 1.2% alcohol by volume**, the actual alcoholic strength by volume must be included on the label.

# Halal Regulations in Türkiye

Inspite of the fact that halal certification is NOT mandatory for any product or service to be served in Turkish domestic market;

Authorization/accreditation by HAK is **mandatory for those certifying products destined for Turkish market!**

## AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW NO. 7060 CERTAIN REGULATIONS REGARDING HALAL ACCREDITATION AGENCY

**ARTICLE 1-** The following paragraph has been added to Article 3 of the Law No. 7060 dated 01.11.2017 on Certain Regulations Regarding Halal Accreditation Agency.

“(2) Halal conformity assessment activity is voluntary in Türkiye. However, halal accreditation by the Halal Accreditation Agency or by the authorized institutions of other countries within the scope of bilateral or multilateral mutual recognition agreements of which the Halal Accreditation Agency is a party, is obligatory for the bodies providing halal conformity assessment for products and services which will be placed on the market and are subject to conformity assessment in the fields in which Halal Accreditation Agency provides accreditation services. The second sentence of this paragraph shall not be applied for the halal conformity assessment activities of the products and services to be exported within the scope of the demands of the markets of customer countries as well as the technical regulations of relevant countries, provided that the products and services subject to halal conformity assessment are not supplied to the domestic market.”

**ARTICLE 2-** The following additional article is added to the Law No. 7060.

“Administrative Fines

**ADDITIONAL ARTICLE 1-** (1) An administrative fine from 100,000 Turkish liras to 1,000,000 Turkish liras shall be imposed by the Board of Directors of the Halal Accreditation Agency, upon those violating the first paragraph of Article 3 of this law and upon the bodies violating paragraph 2 via providing halal conformity assessment services without accreditation.

(2) Legal action can be taken in administrative courts in accordance with Law No. 2577 dated 06.01.1982 on Administrative Jurisdiction Procedures against the administrative sanction decisions imposed in accordance with the provisions of this article.”

# Halal Regulations in Türkiye

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## *For imported products:*

- **Imported products with halal claims on** are subject to control in order to check and validate the status of the halal certificate upon which the halal mark/claim relies.
- A standalone regulation was published on 28th of April 2023 for outlining the **controls of Turkish Customs regarding the status of the halal certificate.**
- Accordingly, a product with halal claim on it, **must be certified by HAK accredited certification body.**



# Halal Regulations in Türkiye

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## *For domestic production:*

- The producers, with halal claim, must receive halal certification services (should they demand it) from HAK-accredited certification bodies only.

## *\*\*Exception: exported products.*

- Otherwise: administrative fines shall apply on account of misleading/ungrounded promotion & marketing deeds.



# The Halal Accreditation Agency (HAK)



- The HAK was established to provide halal accreditation services to certifiers active in Turkish market- and abroad.
- The HAK is the only authorized public institution to accredit halal conformity assessment bodies in Türkiye.

# HAK's Business



Accreditation services



Providing technical trainings



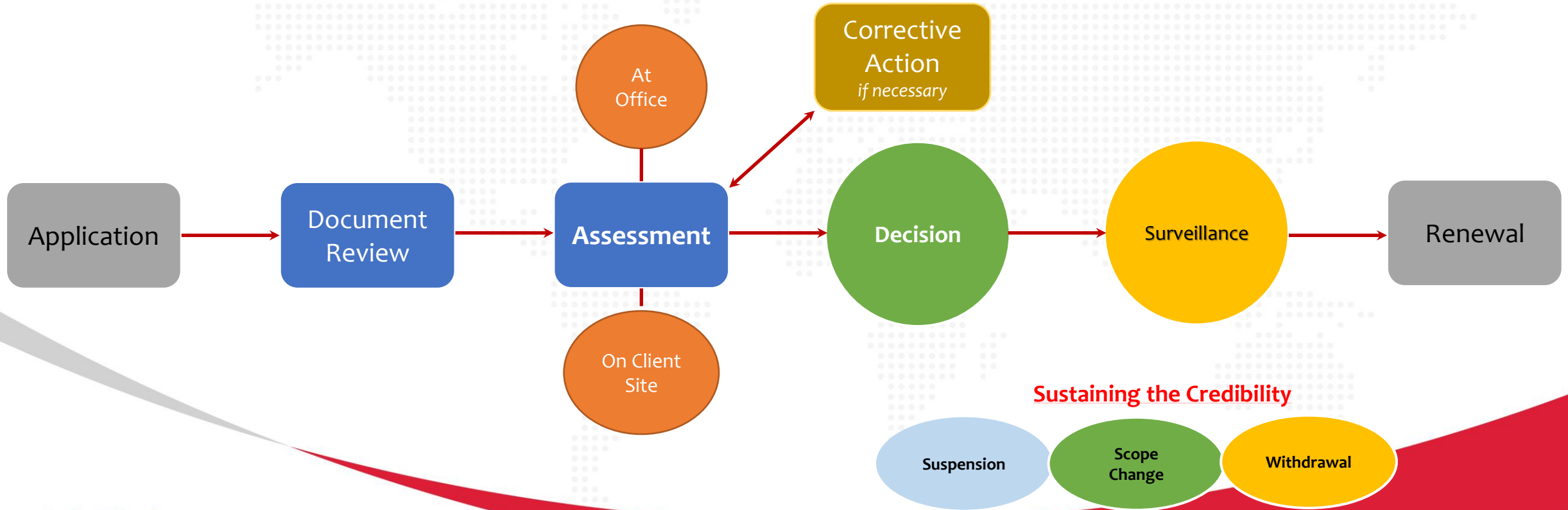
Participating in the efforts for a mutual recognition system



Cooperation for awareness

# The HAK's Accreditation Process

Halal certification bodies are subjected to procedures whose main principles and implementation framework were laid in OIC/SMIC 3:2019 Standard.







# Accreditation in Numbers

(as of April'26)

## # of Accredited Bodies

76

- Certifiers\*  
• Product/Service  
• Persons
- Laboratories
- Proficiency Test Providers

58

35

3

18

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*\*33 of which reside abroad*

## # of Files Rejected

73

Where to find HAK-authorized certification bodies:

english.hak.gov.tr



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