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SUBJECT: NEW REGULATIONS ISSUED BY SAUDI FOOD & DRUG AUTHORITY

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) presents its compliments and has the honor to share the information regarding the **New Regulations Issued by Saudi Food & Drug Authority (SFDA)** received via Trade Development Authority of Pakistan. (relevant attachments enclosed)

This notification is issued under the Saudi Food Law and based on the SFDA Control Role as the Regulator in the Kingdom. The notification states that SFDA will accept Halal certificates **ONLY** from the Halal bodies that are Recognized & Approved by SFDA's Saudi Halal Center. This new Regulation covers the following:

- All Halal slaughtered animals & birds, carcasses, their parts & entrails (innards).
- All types of Compound Food products containing any type of meat, meat products, extractions, grease, gelatin, collagen, abomasum, enzymes.
- Any other product (food or non-food) that carries the word "Halal" or a Halal logo on the package.

Members concerning from relevant sectors are requested to continue their relevant business operations in Saudi Arabia in accordance with the mentioned regulations to avoid any mishap on any non-compliant exports that may include refusal to allow shipment at any Saudi entry point.

Best regards,

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Encl: As attached

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**Circular Regarding the Emphasis on the Obligation to Obtain HALAL
Certificates from the HALAL Certification Bodies Recognized by the
SFDA's Saudi Halal Center**

Circular No.: 10130/C

Date: 11/04/1445 AH

Within the continued follow-up of the Saudi Food & Drug Authority (SFDA) for the food products and verifying their compliance with the requirements of technical regulations and the approved conditions of import and clearance, considering what was observed by the SFDA that some importers of food products submit Halal certificates issued by bodies that are not recognized by the Saudi Halal Center, according to the Food Law promulgated by Royal Decree no. (M/1) dated 06/01/1436 AH, and its Implementing Regulation issued by the decision of Board of Directors no. (3-16/1439) dated 09/04/1439 AH, and based on the SFDA's control role,

We would like to emphasize to all importers of food products that their **HALAL certificates must be issued from the HALAL certification bodies recognized by the SFDA's Saudi Halal Center as follows:**

1. Halal slaughter certificate includes consignments of whole carcasses, their parts, and the entrails of cows, sheep, goats, camels, chickens, ostriches, poultry birds, rabbits, etc. (all carcasses, parts, and entrails of wild animals that are permissible to eat according to Islamic law that have not undergone any manufacturing processes except cutting and packaging).
2. Halal Certificate includes the consignments of the following products:
 - a. Processed, seasoned, and canned meat such as minced meat, burger, mortadella, sausage, dried meat, meatballs, etc.
 - b. Compound food products that contain any proportion of meat, its products and extractions, grease, gelatin, collagen, animal abomasum, and animal-derived enzymes, such as pizza, samosa, pies, cake, soap, sauce, chocolate, candy, supplements, drinks, takeaway, snacks, etc.
 - c. Any other products that have a word or logo "HALAL" on their package.

The importers can verify the list of recognized Halal Certification Bodies (HCB), which is updated regularly, through the Saudi Halal Center Website:

[/ https://halal.sfda.gov.sa](https://halal.sfda.gov.sa)

The guideline for inquiring about the listed HCB is attached, knowing that legal actions will be taken against any violation of what is stated in this circular.

Your cooperation is highly appreciated,



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Category Codes	Categories	Examples of sector
D	Processing 2 (Perishable vegetable products)	fresh fruits, fresh juices; preserved fruits; fresh vegetables; preserved vegetables
E	Processing 3 (Products with long shelf life at room temperature)	canned products; biscuits; snacks; oil; drinking water; beverages; pasta; flour; sugar; salt
C	Processing 1 (Perishable animal products)	includes all activities after farming Bovine, Ovine, poultry slaughtering including cutting and packing, processed meat products, eggs, dairy products e.g. Farming, animal ,eggs, dairy and fish products

