







# Significance of Halal Food Standardization and the EU Standard on Halal Food.

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## Why standards?



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### God created everything in a perfect measurement, and standards





"Who created the seven heavens one above another; you see no incongruity in the creation of the Beneficent God; then look again, can you see any disorder?"

(Qu'an 67:3)







#### So, as we believe in One God, then we have to follow His ways: Measurement and Standards.



#### What is HALAL?

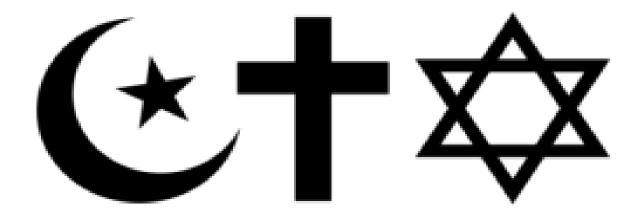


# It's to follow the will of God

We may be believing in different Religion, but we are all from Adam and Eve. We are created all by the same God.

We are Muslims, Christians and Jewish are all from the children of Abraham.

Right?



## This Question must be asked, How our father Abraham slaughtered the sheep first time?



# In terms of Slaughtering, Is it a Religious Ritual?



#### **HALAL:**

It's to follow the will of God.

Clean, Healthy, Hygienic, Natural, not GMF, good quality, safe and genuine...

Therefore it is not for only Muslims but for all.

It's a universal concept.

### Why HALAL food?



#### To remain as human beings.

# The story of HABEL (Abel) and QABEL (Cain).

Remember, God asked from them to give a present to Him.



#### **Cain became angry with temper**



Cain said to Abel: I will kill you. Abel said: Verily, God accepts only from those who are the pious.



## There are two types of people on earth: Abel and Cain.

#### Who Do you want to be?

The one who is following the will of God or the one who is refusing it?

**Abel or Cain?** 

### Main parameters for Halal Food?



Clean, Healthy, Hygienic, Natural, not GMF, good quality, safe and genuine... God fearing and consciousness,

#### Shari'ah compliant

"And eat of the lawful (halal) and good (things) that God has given VOU" Our 15:88

you" qur'an 5:88 وَكُلُوا مِمَّا رَزَقَكُمُ اللَّهُ حَلالًا طَيِّبًا ۚ

# Genetically Modified Food (GMF)





#### NO to GMF or GMO

"And whoever changes (modifying the genetic) the favour of God after it has come to him, Lo! God is severe in punishment."

Qur'an 2:211 وَمَنْ يُبَدِّلْ نِعْمَةَ اللهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَتْهُ فَإِنَّ اللهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ

# Significance of *Halal*Food Standards





# The great Philosopher Mawlana Jalaladdin Rumi says:

"The morsel is seed, and thoughts are its fruit; the morsel is the sea, and thoughts are its pearls."

# Food is a more serious matter than the other strategic issues. Food is a weapon.



# Halal Standards in the Globe



It is estimated that there are currently around 122 active *halal* certification bodies.

### Unfortunately, no uniformity in the world, not even among the OIC.



#### Journey to European Standards on Halal Food



It has been a neglected duty on the creation of *halal* food standards within the European Union.

The idea of establishing a European Union Halal Standard comes from the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) first.



#### a Working Group (WG) was set up in 25 October 2010

- Accordingly four meetings were held that of The 1st meeting **25**<sup>th</sup> **October 2010 in Vienna**, Austria; The 2nd meeting **14-15 February 2011 in Antalya**, *Turkiye*; a Workshop made 19-20 May 2011 in Brussels, Belgium;
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting **21-22 November 2011 in Brussels**, Belgium;
- The 4<sup>th</sup> meeting **6 March 2012 in Sarajevo**, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The TSE with ASI were allocated as twinning partner for the secretariat of CEN/TC 425 to submit its programme of work for BT approval by 31 October 2013.

The first meeting of the CEN/TC 425 "Project Committee- *Halal* Food" was held 24-25 September 2013 in Istanbul.

The second meeting of the CEN/TC 425 "Project Committee- Halal Food" was held on 03-04 February 2014 at the Austrian Standards Institute in Heinestraße, Vienna.

The Third meeting was held on 22-23 October 2014 in Sarajevo

The fourth meeting will be in 28-30 April 2015 in Cordoba

# Certification Bodies on *Halal*Food in the European Union.



There are many *halal* food certification bodies in the European Union as in any other communities and countries, around 65

To name but a few, **Department of Halal Certification Ireland (DHCI** Ireland 2004

The *Halal* Food Council of Europe (*HFCE*), 2010 in Brussels.

The Halal Food Authority (HFA), 1994,

The Muslim Food Board in 1992,

The Halal Authority Board (HAB);

The Halal Monitoring Committee (HMC) in 2003, UK,

The Universal Halal Agency (UHA) UK & EU Law,

The European Halal Development Agency (EHDA)

European Association of *Halal Certifiers* (AHC-EUROPE), 2009 in Germany

The Islamic Information and Documentation Centre (IIDZ – Austria)

Ritual Association of Lyon's Great Mosque (France)

Halal International Authority (HIA)

Halal Quality Control (HQC) in 1980, The Hague,

The Netherlands as Control Office of *Halal* Slaughtering (COHS)

Total Quality Halal Correct Certification (TQ HCC) in the Netherland

#### Halal Institute of Spain;







Certification is not confined to the food, but it also deals with service, energy, transportation, and other areas such as cosmetics, etc.



# In terms of slaughtering, If the EU laws contradict to the Law of God.



Halal is a religious matter, then it should be a matter of Religious Freedom.



#### Conclusion

- Life in general is unthinkable without standards.

- Halal is a religious matter, then it should follow the Will of God.



