Halal Governance in the West: Prospects and Challenges

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Why Halal Governance?
Total Halal Market Value USD 2.4 Trillion

Halal Food USD 632 billion per year

Muslims 25% of the world population

halal market industry as 17%
Global size of some industries

In billions of dollars

- Hajj (projections): 50
- Luxury Industry: 212
- Halal Food (meat): 656
- Pharma industry: 990
- Islamic Finance: 1400
- Halal Food (total): 2400
- Oil and gas market: 2642
EU 28 member states about 504 million people

Muslims in EU about 50 million people

Turkey about 80 million
Interestingly Muslims who are living in the Western countries are more aware of halal food than other Muslim countries.
Not only Muslim people also 7 billion of the world population need halal food.

Because Halal means Clean, Healthy, Hygienic, Natural, not GMF, good quality, safe and genuine...
Halal Standards in the Globe

It is estimated that there are currently around 200 active halal certification bodies in the World in 48 countries.
Certification Bodies on *Halal* Food in the European Union.

There are currently around 65 active *halal* certification bodies in the European Union.
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 Netherlands
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 25th 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 3rd meeting 21-22 November 2011 in Brussels, Belgium;
The 4th 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.
• public founding institute established in 1954
• became an independent organization in 1960.
• full member of (ISO), (IEC) since 1955.
• The Austrian Standards Institute (ASI) was founded in 1920,

• TSE and ASI are twinning partner for the secretariat of CEN/TC 425 Halal Food since 12 April 2013.
• The European Committee for Standardization (CEN) established in 1961 in Brussels.

• the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC)

• More than 50,000 technical experts

• Moreover CEN has Partners the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Türkiye.

• The European Free Trade Association (Iceland, Norway and Switzerland.)
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 was in 28-30 April 2015 in Cordoba/Spain
The 5th meeting will be held 16-21 November 2015 in Budapest / Hungary
• United Standards among EU members (CEN)

• Halalizing products: Clean, Healthy, Hygienic, Natural, not GMF, good quality, safe and genuine...

• Halal Tourism

• Halal Economy

• Halal World

• Trusted Certification and Accreditation Bodies
Challenges
• Islamophobia
• EU laws contradict to the Islamic laws?
• Should EU countries regulate halal?
• Can EU countries regulate halal?
• Do EU countries want to regulate halal?
• Education and training?
• Madhhhab Diversity?
• Lack of Harmonized Certificates and Standards
• Secularist
• Cultural relativism
• Animal welfare
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