

Brought to you by [INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY MALAYSIA](#)



Scopus



[Back](#)

SHARIAH-COMPLIANT MEDICAL TOURISM: AN EVALUATION OF THE LEGAL IMPEDIMENTS OF ITS IMPLEMENTATION IN MALAYSIA

[PELANCONGAN PERUBATAN PATUH SYARIAH: PENILAIAN MENGENAI HALANGAN UNDANG-UNDANG TERHADAP PELAKSANAANNYA DI MALAYSIA]

[IIUM Law Journal](#) • Article • Open Access • 2024 • DOI: 10.31436/iiumlj.v32i1.842

[Amin, Noor Shuhadawati Mohamad](#)^a ; [Ramli, Noriah](#)^a ; [Zawawi, Majdah](#)^b

^aCivil Law Department, Ahmad Ibrahim Kulliyah of Laws, International Islamic University Malaysia, Selangor, Gombak, 53100, Malaysia

[Show all information](#)

3 53th percentile

Citations

[View PDF](#)

0.78

FWCI

[Full text](#) [Export](#) [Save to list](#)

[Document](#) [Impact](#) [Cited by \(3\)](#) [References \(62\)](#) [Similar documents](#)

Abstract

Malaysia is one of the first countries in the world to introduce the halal standards MS1500: 2004 in its vision to become the global halal hub. With the inception of halal standards in 2004, the practical guidelines for the food industry on the production, preparation, handling and storage of halal food are

now available in a more structured and convenient form. With the advancement of technology in today’s world, the focus of halal standards is no longer confined to the food industry. The initiative to introduce halal standards has now been extended to include other industries such as cosmetics, finance, fashion and healthcare. In the healthcare industry, the demand for halal products is accelerating, thanks to the growing awareness of Muslims on the obligation to consume and use halal products. The healthcare industry too has a major potential for demand since the products are also consumable, specifically pharmaceutical products such as medicines and vaccines. Nonetheless, there are legal challenges that pose impediments to further promoting shariah-compliant medical tourism in Malaysia. This study which is doctrinal in nature, analyses the existing legal framework of the healthcare system and medical tourism in Malaysia. Despite the promising demand for halal medical products, there are challenges in promoting this special segment of the industry to everyone. Uncertainty regarding the correct term to portray Islamic medical tourism, various versions of shariah-compliant medical tourism, lack of standardisation of shariah principles, the inadequacy of legal regulatory framework, and the proliferation of international halal certification bodies, will subsequently impede the growth of shariah-compliant medical tourism in Malaysia. The study attempts to discuss these aspects and provides some suggestions to promote shariah-compliant medical tourism globally. © 2024, International Islamic University Malaysia-IIUM. All rights reserved.

Author keywords

Halal; Health Care; Legal Impediments; Medical Tourism; Shariah-Compliant

Funding details

View PDF

Details about financial support for research, including funding sources and grant numbers as provided in academic publications.

Funding sponsor	Funding number	Acronym
FRGS-RACER	RACER19-041-0041	

Funding text

This research was financially supported by the Fundamental Research Grant Scheme for Research Acculturation of Early Career Researchers (FRGS-RACER) Grant No: RACER19-041-0041.

Corresponding authors

Corresponding
author

N.S.M. Amin

Affiliation Civil Law Department, Ahmad Ibrahim Kulliyah of Laws, International Islamic
University Malaysia, Selangor, Gombak, 53100, Malaysia

Email address shuhadaamin@iium.edu.my

© Copyright 2025 Elsevier B.V., All rights reserved.

Abstract

Author keywords

Funding details

Corresponding authors

About Scopus

[What is Scopus](#)

[Content coverage](#)

[Scopus blog](#)

[Scopus API](#)

[Privacy matters](#)

[View PDF](#)

Language

[日本語版を表示する](#)

[查看简体中文版本](#)

[查看繁體中文版本](#)

[Просмотр версии на русском языке](#)

Customer Service