

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SHARIAH SCHOLARS IN HALAL CERTIFICATION

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Translation:

“O messengers, eat from the good things, and act righteously. Of whatever you do, I am fully aware.”



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- **Translation:**

In-fact the Halal is completely clear and the Haram is also very clear, and between them are few things that are doubtful, about which many people do not know.



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- Translation:

Un-doubtfully Ulema are the inherits of the Prophets, the Prophets do not leave Dinar or Dirhams in their inheritance. In fact they only leave the Knowledge behind them in their inheritance. So whoever takes it, should take a good enough portion of it.



Shariah Scholar

- A term referred to a person who possesses knowledge and command in Quran and Sunnah and Islamic Jurisprudence. With a detailed understanding of Fiqh-Ul-Halal wal Haram.



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- Shariah scholar is the main thrust of in Halal Certification process.
- As Halal and Haram is purely a religious matter, therefore they are a Major stakeholder in Halal Certification process.
- The Shariah Scholar of a CB plays a vital role in decision making, that the product is processed according to the requirements of Quran and Sunnah related to Halal.



ROLE OF SHARIAH SCHOLARS IN HALAL CERTIFICATION

- Ignoring the role of Shariah Scholars will weaken the acceptability of Halal Certification and its credibility.
- Shariah Scholar works in the capacity of “Shahid” i.e. the witness. Therefore should fulfill all requirements of “Shahadah”.



RESPONSIBILITIES OF SHARIAH SCHOLARS



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- Identification of Halal Critical Control Points (HCCPs).
- Traceability of the ingredients up to their source and manufacturing process.
- To give Shariah verdict on each and every Raw material/ ingredient used in the product.



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- Monitor the use of processing aids.
- To evaluate the Halal food management system of the company, its documents, manuals, procedures and SOPs as per the standards.
- Physical verification of the whole process to ensure that the preparation, processing or manufacturing is done using equipment and facilities that are free from contamination with Najis and non-Halal.



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- To verify that during processing, packaging, storage or transportation of the product, the product is physically separated from any other food or thing which is Najis or Non-Halal.



CHALLENGES



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- Lack of understanding of Food Science/Chemistry.
- No mention of Processing aids being used during production.
- No proper documentation of Ingredients List in most Muslim Countries.
- Lack of Trainings and Knowledge sharing.
- Lack of validation of Test Methods and lack of Accredited (ISO 17025) testing solutions for Halal testing.



SUGGESTIONS



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- Every Halal Certification body should have its on-board Shariah Advisor or Shariah Committee.
- The Shariah Scholar should be final authority in Halal Certification process.
- The Shariah scholars should have awareness of basic Food Science/Chemistry.



SUGGESTIONS

- Need to bridge the Gap between Shariah Scholars and Food Experts.
- Participation of Shariah Scholars in Standardization bodies and Committees.
- Food companies to have Shariah Advisors and Halal C.Bs to have Shariah Experts in all audit teams.



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