



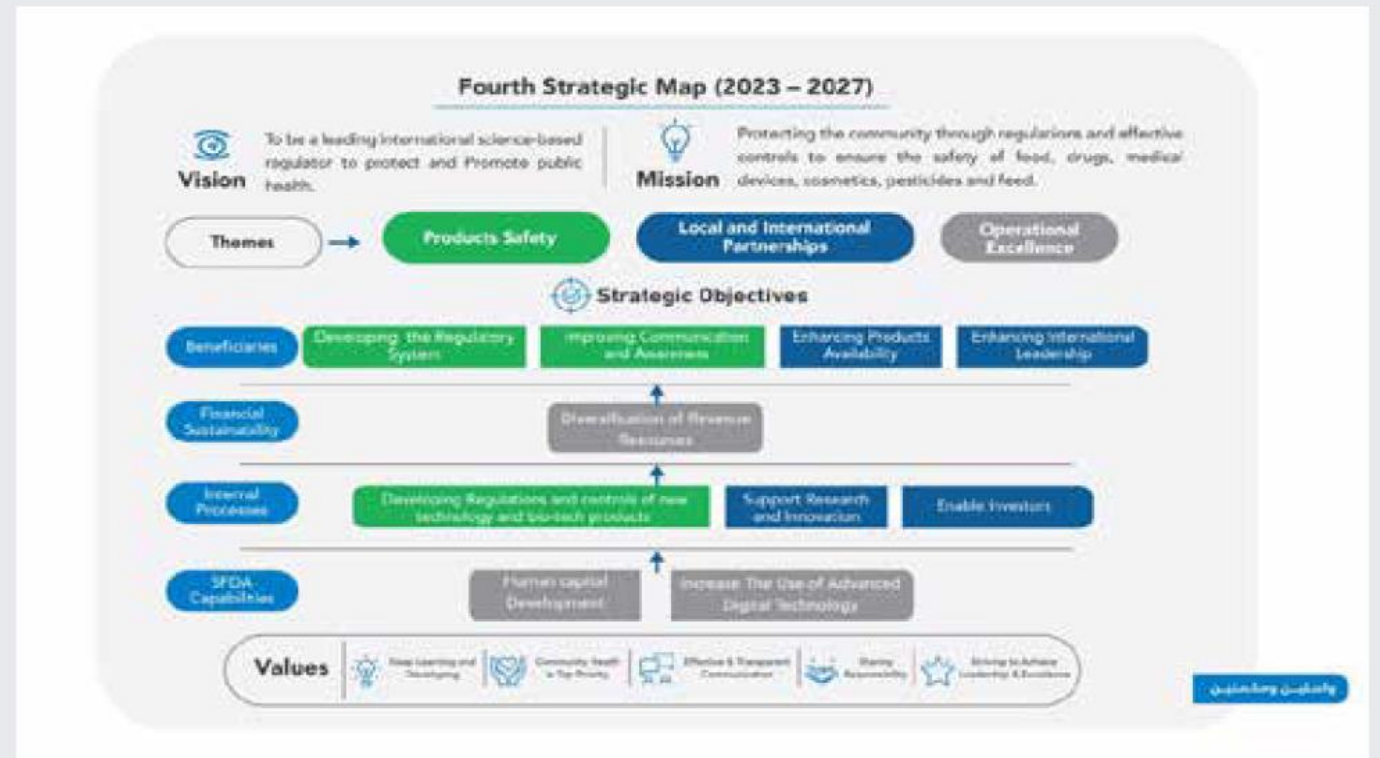
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
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SFDA Overview

The main purpose of establishing SFDA is to regulate, oversee, and control Food, Drug, Medical Devices, as well as to set mandatory standard specifications for products whether they are imported or locally manufactured



SFDA Activities



Food



Drug



Feed



Cosmetic



Pesticides



Medical
Devices

SFDA International Memberships

Food Sector Membership

- Codex Alimentarius
- The Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries
- International Organization for Standardization
- Gulf Standardization Organization
- Arab Industrial Development, Standardization and Mining Organization
- FAO GM Foods Platform
- ARAB GROUP FOR FOOD SAFETY
- Gulf Rapid Alert System for Food
- International Food Safety Authorities Network
- Eu-Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed
- international risk communication liaison group

Drug Sector Membership

- International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH)
- International Pharmaceutical Regulators Program (IPRP)
- International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities (ICMRA)
- International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
- The Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC)

Number Of International Scientific Committees* Exceeded 70 committees

Medical devices membership

- International Medical Device Regulators Forum (IMDRF)
- Gulf Health Council (GHC)
- Arab Industrial Development, Standardization and Mining Organization (AIDSMO)
- Global Harmonization Working Party (GHWP)
- GCC Standardization Organization (GSO)
- International organization for Standardization (ISO)
- International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)

Executive Directorate of Investment Development

In line with Saudi's vision 2030, Executive Directorate of Investment Development was established to support and enable investors (local and foreign, alike).

- The main drivers for the Executive Directorate are:
- Achieving customers' satisfaction.
- Supporting investors.
- Ensuring the regulations do not impact the investment climate.

The Executive Directorate of Investment Development role focus on:

- Increasing the effectiveness of communication and response to investors
- Developing internal policies and procedures to support investors.
- Building business relationships with investors.
- Introducing to investors all investment opportunities with the collaboration with other government partners



Food Sector



Value Proposition

- Saudi Arabia's food and beverage (F&B) market is the largest in the Middle East. The market has a value of \$42 billion and will expand at a pace of 3% up to 2030.
- The F&B market is fueled by a growing population and an increase in the number of Hajj and Umrah pilgrims, and a growing focus on national resilience and food security.
- The average household is reported to spend 18% of total expenditure on F&B, which is a domestic demand that amounts to 60% of the total consumption in the GCC.
- In 2019, imports exceeded \$20.4 billion, which raises the prospect of significant import-substitution opportunities for Saudi-based F&B producers to serve the untapped local demand for dairy, meat and fruit products.

All details and information related to the Food sector can be found through:

Food

Laws and
Regulations



Guidelines



Downloadable
Forms



Circulars



FAQ



Evaluation
program



Standards
Web Store









Halal
center



Eservices



Food products are divided into several groups, which are:

Dietary Supplements & Energy Drinks	Novel Food	Baby Food	Conventional Foods
			
			

Food Investor Journey:

Establishing an account

The investor must create an electronic account for the company/institution in the system.

<https://www.sfda.gov.sa/en/eservices/65914>



Product classification

*Optional

This service allows you to know the extent to which your product is subject to the Authority's regulations, and whether the product falls under the drug, medical device or food regulations.



Establishment licenses

Establishments must practice the activity and manufacture food products after obtaining a license to practice the activity through the



Products registration

Registration of traditional products
Registration of new products
Registration of food supplements and energy drinks



Clearances

Issuing a decision regarding approval or rejection of the entry of shipments through customs ports



Import Permits

Import permits are only issued for poultry meat and its products, fish and aquatic products of animal origin, and table eggs and their products.





Food Product Registration Guide:

For more information about the mechanism for registering food products, you can view the food product registration guide published on the website of the General Authority for Food and Drug at the following link





Approving Foreign Competent Control Authorities and Establishments

Purpose

To verify the procedures carried out by the competent control authority responsible for food safety in countries interested in exporting food products to Saudi Arabia. This step paves the way for assigning the competent authority the responsibility of approving the establishments interested in exporting food products to the Saudi market.

Scope:

The scope of this Procedure covers the establishments exporting:

- ✓ Beef and beef products.
- ✓ Sheep meat and its products.
- ✓ Poultry meat and its products.
- ✓ Fishery products and other aquatic products of animal origin.
- ✓ Honey and its products.
- ✓ Milk and its products.
- ✓ Breast milk substitutes.
- ✓ Table eggs and its products.
- ✓ Processed fruits and vegetables.



Procedure for Approving Establishments interested to export Food Products

When the competent control authority in the exporting country granted an approval by SFDA:

The competent control authority provide a list of accredited establishments interested in exporting food products to KSA for SFDA, provided that these establishments are subject to its control and in line with the SFDA approved technical regulations and standard specifications, as well as export requirements, to consider the possibility of export permission.

The SFDA retains the right to conduct random on-site audits for these establishments at any time deemed appropriate. The visit will be arranged in coordination with the competent control authority in the exporting country.



List of Approved Establishments

The SFDA will publish the list of approved establishments in countries interested to export food products to KSA on the SFDA website.

Procedure for amendments on the list of establishments:

- ✓ The Competent authority shall fill the update request to the list of approved food establishments and send it the SFDA via appropriate channels in case of any addition, delisting, and amendments.
- ✓ The SFDA will revise the request and update the establishment list based on the information received from the competent authority.



Saudi Halal Center



Halal Center Services



Issuing Halal Shipment Certificate



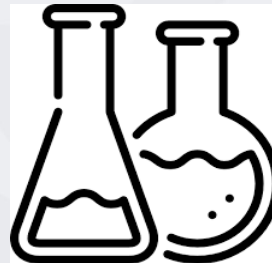
Issuing Halal Certificate for local factories /slaughterhouses



Recognize Halal Certification Bodies (HCB's)



Training services in Halal field



Halal Research and laboratories



Granting the right to use the Saudi Halal Center logo



Saudi Halal National System



Saudi Accreditation Center
(Accredit HCB'S)



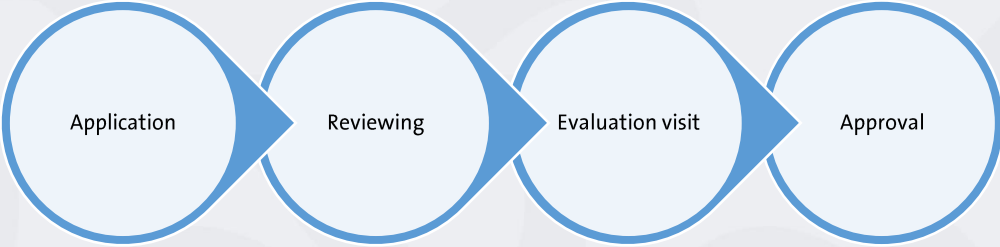
Saudi Standards Metrology and
Quality Organization
(Register HCB'S)



Halal Center –SFDA
(Recognize HCB's)



Recognition of HCB's

Requirement's	Procedures
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Valid Commercial registration.• Accreditation Certificate based on Halal GSO standards from any Accreditation Center as showing below:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Saudi Accreditation Center (SAC)- Or Gulf Accreditation Center (GAC)• Acceptance Certificate from Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO)	 <pre>graph LR; A((Application)) --> B((Reviewing)); B --> C((Evaluation visit)); C --> D((Approval));</pre>



Halal Certificate

Halal certificate is mandatory on the following categories :

Category	Example
Halal slaughtering of permissible animals	Frozen or fresh whole carcasses and of its parts, skin.....etc. (NOT going under any process except packages and cutting)
Meat “Processed, Seasoned, Canned, and Dried.”	Ground meat, Burger, Mortadella, Hot Dog,etc.
Compound product Products that contain: “ Meat, its products and extracts, Fats, Gelatin , Collagen, Animal rennet, and Enzyme.”	Pies, Cake, Sauce, Pizza, Chocolate, Candy, Supplements, Drink, Ready to eat food, Snacks food,etc.
Others	All products that have “Halal” as word or logo on its package.



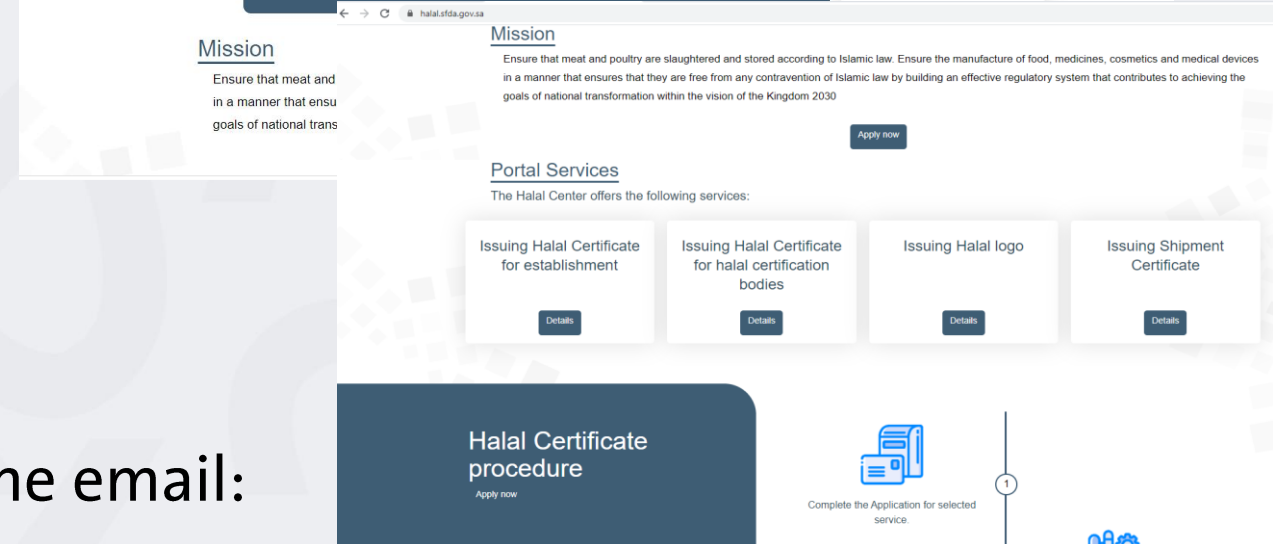
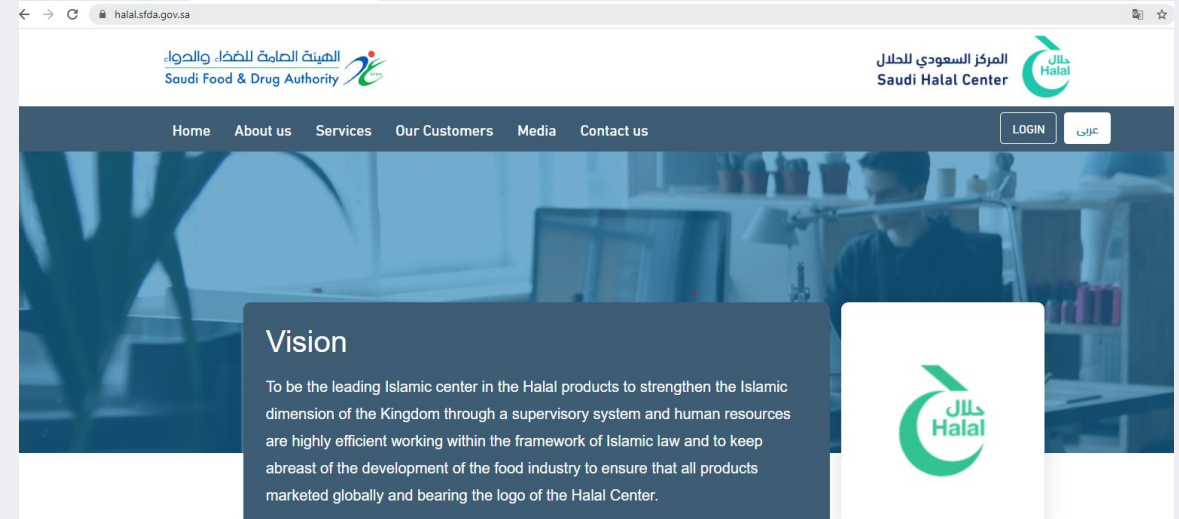
Saudi Halal Standards

#	Standard Number	Standard Title
1	SFDA.FD/GSO 993	Animal Slaughtering Requirements According to Islamic Rules
2	SFDA.FD/GSO 2055-1	Halal Food - Part 1 : General Requirements
3	SFDA.FD/GSO 2055-2	Halal products - Part 2: General Requirements for Halal Certification Bodies
4	SFDA.FD/GSO 2055-3	Halal products — Part 3 : General Requirements for halal accreditation bodies accrediting halal certification bodies
5	SFDA.FD/GSO 2055-4	Halal products – Part 4: Requirements For Halal Cosmetics And Personal Care
5	SFDA.FD/GSO 2468	Halal foods - Management system requirements for transportation of goods and/or cargo chain services.
6	SFDA.FD/GSO 2469	Halal foods - Management system requirements for warehousing and related activities.
7	SFDA.FD/GSO 2470	Halal foods - Management system requirements for retailing.



Halal Center Website

- 1) Provide Halal Center services.
- 2) List of clients
 - Halal Certification Body
 - Local Companies



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Executive Directorate of Investment Development Services

- Consulting Services
- Government Support
- B2B Matchmaking
- Economic Investment Studies
- Investment Promotion
- Business Support Centers
- Facilitating Doing Business



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