

CONCEPT Note of Training Workshop on Certification of Halal Products
and Presentation of OIC Halal Economy Report
30th November 2024, Lahore, Pakistan



INTRODUCTIO/BACKGROUND

In an age of globalization and economic interdependence, Islamic countries need to work together to establish fully functional and sustainable knowledge-based economies. Therefore, the **Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC)** is mandated by the **OIC** to act as a professional entity in studying standardization, metrology, and accreditation fields and developing standards that will display the interests of the Islamic World.

Over the last decade, the halal industry has expanded globally that has heightened our accountability as key players in the halal industry, emphasizing our roles and responsibilities. In this context, the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC), comprising 47 countries, aligns its approach to halal with its new vision: *“Creating a quality infrastructure that improves economy, welfare, and protects our Member States.”*

This vision underscores that halal is an integral part of quality infrastructure. The standards developed by SMIIC are not solely fiq’h documents; rather, they incorporate Islamic rules while addressing halal as a technical issue. Within SMIIC, halal standards are formulated by Technical Committees. These committees bring together both technical and Islamic experts from the 47 Member States, as well as liaison organizations such as the International Islamic Fiq’h Academy, to collaboratively study and develop various standard projects related to halal.

The comprehensive approach ensures that the halal standards are robust, inclusive, and technically sound, while faithfully adhering to Islamic principles. This collaborative effort facilitates the creation of uniform halal standards that enhance economic growth, welfare, and the protection of all Member States, thereby supporting the global expansion and acceptance of the halal industry. This opportunity will enable Pakistan to directly link its stakeholder with OIC counterparts that will help in boosting Halal exports. The exports between the OIC countries in FY 2022 was USD 3.4 Billion and is USD 2.3 Billion in FY 2023. However, the figures show a decrease in exports between the OIC countries in the FY 2023. The exports are projected to increase at least 20% in the coming year. The imports between the OIC countries in FY 2022 was USD 2.5 Billion and is USD 2.1 Billion in FY 2023. Detail data of trade between the OIC countries is attached at **Annexure-I**.

OBJECTVES OF THE WORKSHOP

- To build the capacity of OIC member states' stakeholders in the halal sector through the targeted training programs.

- To deliver halal certification trainings about Accreditation and Accredited Certification and Halal Certification according to OIC/SMIIC/PS Standards in alignment with the SMIIC Strategy Plan 2021-2030.
- To emphasize the basic pillars of "Halal Quality Infrastructure" through OIC/SMIIC Standards and its contribution to the OIC Member States.
- To connect Pakistani stakeholders like PHA, PSQCA and PNAC with the OIC Forum / ICDT.

FORMAT OF THE WORKSHOP:

As part of the 18th Trade Fair of OIC Members, a workshop titled "Halal Industry in the OIC Region" is planned as a one day sideline event on November 30, 2024 in a Hall of Expo Centre Lahore in a workshop setting for interactive session. Only officials from the designated stakeholders will attend the workshop.

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 30

Draft PROGRAM

09.30 am -10.00 am	Registration
10:00 am	Opening Remarks Secretary TDAP/CE/Concerned DG
10:10 am	Address to audience by officer of SMIIC
10:20 am	Address to audience by officer of ICDT
10:40 am	Presentation by SMIIC - OIC/SMIIC Standards on Halal Issues and Halal Quality Infrastructure followed by Q/A
10:40 am -11:50 am	ICDT - OIC Halal Economy Report followed by Q/A
11:50 am -12:00 pm	Coffee break
12:00pm -12:30pm	PHA – The role of PHA in Halal Industry in Pakistan (followed by Q/A20 Minutes)
12:30pm -13:00pm	PNAC & PSQCA– Halal Accreditation Practice as per OIC/SMIIC Standards/PS Standards on Halal & PSQCA on Halal Standards (20 Minutes)

13:00 pm	Closing remarks by TDAP
13:10 pm	Lunch