



Presentation on
Religious Oversight on
Halal Industry and its services

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بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ الْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِیْنَ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلٰی سَیِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِیْنَ نَبِیْنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلَّمَ
قال تعالى: (إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا) من الآية الأولى في سورة النساء.

IN QURAN SURAH AN NISA, chapter 1, Allah says that he is ever, over you, an Observer, watches over you.

One of the interests of Islamic Sharia is the existence of effective systems of the Religious oversight on Halal Industry and its services, because, If you give people power without oversight, it's a prescription for abuse.

The provisions in Islamic Sharia vary in food and drink to halal and haram, we Muslims take great care with our food, We eat only the halal, and avoid all the harmful.

Allah said in surah Al A'raf 157:

and he makes lawful for them all the pure and good things, and makes unlawful all the impure and bad things.

Because the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) is the Jurisprudential authority of the OIC countries, it pays great attention to the rulings of Halal food.

The council of IIFA was one of the first jurisprudential councils concerned with the subject.

It issued its decision No. 95 (3/10) in 1997, and held a number of specialized seminars and in-depth studies of the standards and specifications presented to it, as well as its representative participates in the technical meetings of the Islamic Institute for Standardization and Metrology (SMIIC) of the (OIC) since its establishment.

After the industrial revolution, and need of importing Food the need of the Religious oversight over the Halal Industry and its services is most important.

The crucial word now in the Halal industry and its services depends on the financial profits and timing speed, for this reason, errors, transcendencies that are difficult to avoid and which lead the Halal food to enter the circle of Haram.

This presentation paper seeks to clarify the importance of this oversight.

Proposed definition of the The Religious oversight over Halal Industry and its services is:

It is an organizational activity carried out by national or local authorities or specialized institutions and companies to provide protection to consumers and ensure that all halal products reach consumers in compliance with Islamic law during the production, handling, storage, processing, distribution and to be marked in an honest and accurate manner as stipulated in the regulations, laws and standards approved by the governmental and Islamic bodies concerned with correcting any deviations shown by the oversight, if possible, or to remove the food from being considered halal if it can not be corrected.

Types of The Religious oversight, and its evidences in Islam:

It varies to three types:

- 1- Personal Religious oversight.
- 2- Community or public Religious oversight.
- 3- Governmental Religious oversight.

1- Personal Religious oversight:

The provisions and principles in the Noble Qur'an and Sunnah are sufficient to establish faith in the hearts of the believers to be observed in secret and in public and to refrain from all that is haram in words and deeds. Allaah says (man will be evidence against himself) Alquiama:14, (بَلِ الْإِنْسَانُ عَلَىٰ نَفْسِهِ بَصِيرَةٌ), and says that he is ever, over you, an Observer. This means a Muslim will be conscious of the accountability to God Almighty for all his actions on the Day of Resurrection.

This kind of oversight is used personally by Muslims before eating, using, and producing any Halal product, or when supervising, auditing, checking, inspecting, etc. and it is very important.

2- Community Religious oversight:

Allah says: (التوبة: ٧٨) (وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتُ بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ يَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ) The believing men and believing women are allies of one another. They enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong.

and also says: (التوبة: ١٠٥) (وَقُلْ أَعْمَلُوا فَسَيَرَى اللَّهُ عَمَلَكُمْ وَرَسُولُهُ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَسَتُرَدُّونَ إِلَىٰ عَالِمِ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ فَيُنبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ) Allah will see your work and (so will) His Apostle and the believers; and you shall be brought back to the Knower of the unseen and the seen, then He will inform you of what you did.

The Prophet: you are the witnesses of God on the earth, (أَنْتُمْ شُهَدَاءُ اللَّهِ فِي الْأَرْضِ).

This means that people witness each other's works whether good or bad and will commend the good and warn of the bad.

This type of Religious oversight is very important in Halal the field, by awareness about Halal, by promoting the harms of haram.

This is our right and this is our Religious Social responsibility.

The best platform we can use in this area is Social Networking. We can withdraw our trust from anyone who manipulates or cheats in the field of halal, because, we make the purchase decision, not anyone else.

3- Government Religious oversight:

Since the establishment of the Islamic state in Medina, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) applied the principle of Governance and oversight mechanisms to all parts of the State, there are many famous texts in this subject.

We appreciate that our Countries and Governments are making great efforts in this area, but this type of oversight needs more activation, because Governments are able to monitor, inspect, follow up, evaluate and organize with its powers and duties, granted to it under its authority and sponsorship of matters within the States, which requires it to exercise greater oversight, control, and more vigilance.

It also imposes on it the creation of various laws, regulations, mechanisms and control mechanisms, which are capable of verifying what is imported from abroad and what is being manufactured at home.

Mechanisms of Religious oversight over Halal Industry and its Services

Important Stakeholders in this field have one of the following forms:

- 1- A supreme authority at the state level for the Religious oversight.
- 2- Islamic Fiqh Councils issuing Fatwas and decisions.
- 3- The accreditation bodies. These shall be owned and directed by Muslims.
- 4- The Certification bodies. These shall be owned and directed by Muslims.
- 4- Internal departments for Religious oversight in the establishment. These shall be directed by Muslims.
- 5- Officers of the Halal Religious oversight. Those shall be Muslims.
- 6- Profession employee, whose mission is to do basic halal work, such as the butcher must be Muslims committed to all the provisions of Islamic law.

Remember Always: Halal is a sovereign issue of the Islamic Ummah

We shall also protect the Halal industry and its services from the entry of the followers of misguided and multi faith groups and those who ruled by leaving the religion of Islam, even if they claim affiliation with it,

These sects are many and numerous, but the most important ones about whom decisions have been issued are:

Qadianiyah (Ahmadiyya).

Baha'is.

Freemasonry.

because they aren't Muslims and their zabiha is not Halal.

Any Halal certificates issued by them or based on their supervision is considered invalid and must be warned about, and the concerned authorities in Islamic countries shall refrain from adopting or dealing with them.

The responsibility of Religious oversight on Halal Industry and its services belongs to all of us.

We can manage it by the power of our faith, by our will, using purchasing power, and we can ensure for ourselves and our future generations the Halal food that God has commanded us.

Thank you

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