The Muslim Mindanao Halal Certification Board, Inc. (MMHCBi)

THE HALAL CERTIFYING BODY

The Muslim Mindanao Halal Certification Board, Inc. as a joint creation (in response to MMA Act 154) the DTI-ARMM, ARMM Business Council (ABC), and the Assembly of Darul Ifta of the Philippines, shall be the non-government organization that will assume full responsibility in ensuring that food (and non-food) products being produced, catered, served, or distributed in the region or elsewhere (Local or Abroad) are Halal-compliant or acceptable for the Muslims to consume. The board is registered at the Securities and Exchange Commission as non-profit organization. Accredited by the National Commission for Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) last 2013.

The Composition of the MMHCBi:

1. Darul Iftah Members: Muftis and Shariah Experts
   - Medical
   - Veterinary
   - Food Science

2. Field of Sciences (Pool of Muslim experts)
   - Chemical
   - Engineering

Date and Place of Launching: Oct. 16,2006 @ Dusit Hotel, Makati, Philippines,

Sponsored by the LGSPA-Canada.

Based: Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

Area Covered: Philippines

The Board of Directors
Six (6) Islamic Scholars, Five (5) Shariah Experts
One (1) Doctor of Medicine, One (1) Veterinarian
One (1) Chemist/Chemical Engineer, One (1) Food Scientist (Ph.D in Food Science, UP).

Composition of Provincial Committee:
5 Provinces of ARMM
Chairman - Provincial Mufti
Vice-Chairman - Technical Staff
Members - 2 Islamic/Shariah Scholar
3- Either Doctor of Medicine/Veterinarian, Food Technologist/Nutritionist/Pharmacist.

Expansion of Area Committees:
- All Major Cities of the Philippines.

EXPOSURES AND TRAININGS:
The Members undergone dry run Halal Auditing and Inspection under the auspices of LGSPA-Canada from various local Food and Non-food establishments such as Nestle Phils., Bounty Fresh Chicken, Magnolia Dressing Plant, Tuna Processing plant, Marco Polo Hotel, Davao Doctors, Jolibee Commissary, B-Meg Feed Plant and other big companies.

The Board is now a member of International Halal Integrity Alliance (IHIA).

The members attended trainings on HACCP, GMP and GAP.

Familiarization tours were done in Thailand, Malaysia and Brunei which were culminated into the signing of Memorandum of Understandings between the Board and the Islamic Committee of Thailand (ICT) and the Halal Industry Development Corporation of Malaysia (HDC) in the fields of Capacity Development, Products Promotion and Trade and Certification.

"For the Sake of Deen, Health and the Consumers, in Halal Certification, there is no Compromise"
THE COLLECTION OF FEES AND OTHER PARAMETERS:

The collection of fees is very minimal since the board is a non-profit organization:
- A non-refundable Php 200 upon filing of application.
- Certification Fees ranges from Php 1,500-Php 10,000(export) depending on the sizes and types of business(export) and must be renewed yearly or up 2 years after the 1st Renewal but the payment of certification fee shall be on yearly basis.
- Inspection fee of Php 500 to Php 900 per Halal Auditor depending on the distance of the establishment applying halal certification.(inspection done per renewal): 2-3 Halal Auditors.
- Accommodation and transportation including meals must be borne by the establishment. Plus Laboratory Analysis fees.
- Establishment must hire Halal Assurance and Monitoring Officer that should be screened and briefed or trained by the board.
- Establishment must be willing for monthly and unannounce or surprise inspection by the Board.
- Lab. Tests required for confirmation and assurance.(end products and ingredients used if not halal certified)

Where are the Fees Collected, Spend by the Board? (If not halal certified)

- Operations of the Board
  - For Charity Institutions
  - Full or Partial Scholarships on Halal Science or any halal related courses (USM-Kabacan, Univ. Putra Malaysia-Malaysia, Halal Science Center, Cholalongkorn University-Bangkok)
  - Free Medical and Veterinary Outreaches on selected areas.
  - Food items, medicines for displaced families due to man-made or natural calamities.
  - Info-Advocacies(Print, Broadcast and Symposia).
  - The book of Account of the MMHCBI is open for public scrutiny during Gen. Assembly Meeting of the Board for the sake of Transparency.
  - Independent or not members of the Board are invited.

OFFICE ADDRESS:

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How to apply for Halal Certification from MMHCBI?

Requirements for Halal Certification:
- Filled up MMHCBI Application Form
- Profile of the Company(includes employees status etc)
- Photocopies of Updated Business Permit, HACCP(for export) etc
- Simple Sketch plan of the Production Area(Comfort Room etc)
- Complete Lists of Ingredients Used and Products to be certified.

Flow of Halal Certification Application:

Enquiry Phase:
- Contact the MMHCBI
  - mindanaohalal@yahoo.com /09192804224, MMHCBI Office @ DA-ARMM Comp. Cotabato City

Submission Phase:
- Filled up MMHCBI application form, updated business permit, complete business profile with sketch plan.
- Payment of unrefundable Php 200

Processing Phase:
- Schedule of 1st Halal Inspection and Auditing 2-3 MMHCBI Members.
- Expenses incurred by the establishment:
  a) Php 500-900 per MMHCBI Member (depends on distance)
  b) Meals, Accommodation and transportation
- Halal Inspectors or Auditors Report Findings and Recommendations to the Board of Directors immediately (laboratory tests required in some products).
- Compliance of Shortcoming findings by establishment.
- Schedule of final actual 2nd Halal Auditing upon report of compliance by establishment.
- Report findings to the MMHCBI Board of Director.
- Detail of Practicing Muslim Halal Assurance and Monitoring Officer brief or trained by the MMHCBI to the establishment.

Issuance Phase:
- Upon Compliance
- Payment of Certification Fee(Php 1,500-10,000)
- Issuance of Halal Certificate and Tarpauline(3x6ft)

Post-Certification Phase:
- Announce and Surprise Inspection by the MMHCBI. Update the board for any changes.

Renewal:
- Filled up renewal Application Form. Halal Inspection Auditing.
- Payment of Cert. fee and Inspection Fees, accommodation, transportation and meals.
- Next renewal after 1 or 2 years, but payment of Certification Fee shall be on yearly basis of same amount.