

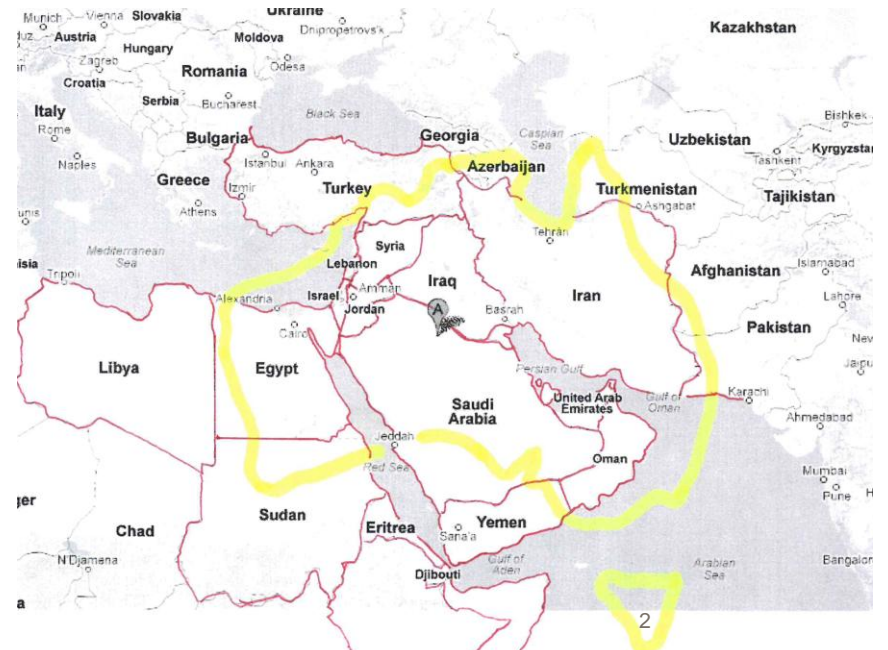


Export Regulation of Halal Red Meat and Red Meat Products



Australian Government Authorised Halal Program (AGAHP)

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Country	Size Km2	Arable land %	Population	Australian Agriculture Exports 2012-13
Saudi Arabia	2,140,000	1.5%	26.5 m	\$545M
UAE	83,600	0.8%	7.2 m	\$835M
Oman	309,500	0.1%	3.1m	\$82M
Kuwait	17,820	0.6 %	2.6 m	\$274M
Qatar	11,590	1.0%	2m	\$153M
Bahrain	760	1.3%	1.2 m	\$96M
		Total	35.5 m	\$1,985 M

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Legislative Control of AGAHP

- Export Control Act 1982 and Export Control (Meat and Meat Products) Orders 2005

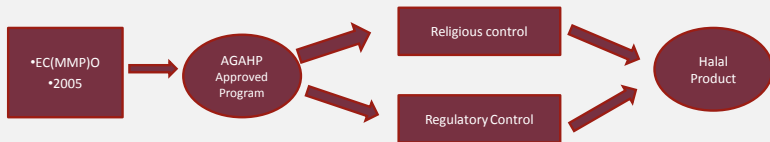
- Provide the criteria to be met by Islamic organisations (IO)

- Specify the standard to which halal slaughter is to be performed;

- Provide a legal framework to ensure the respective responsibilities of Department of Agriculture (DA) and the recognised halal certifiers are complied with;

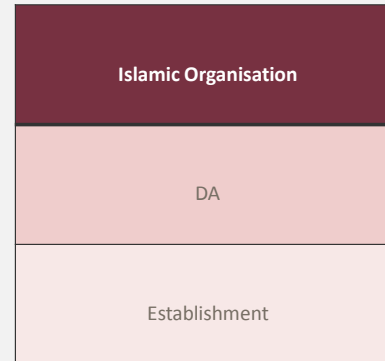
- Provide legal redress via suspension or removal of approval;

- Require participating IO to have an Approved Arrangement approved by DA.



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Responsibilities – Islamic Organisations



- Must be recognised by an importing country and then recognised by DA;
- Approved Arrangement for halal supervision;
- Audited by DA;

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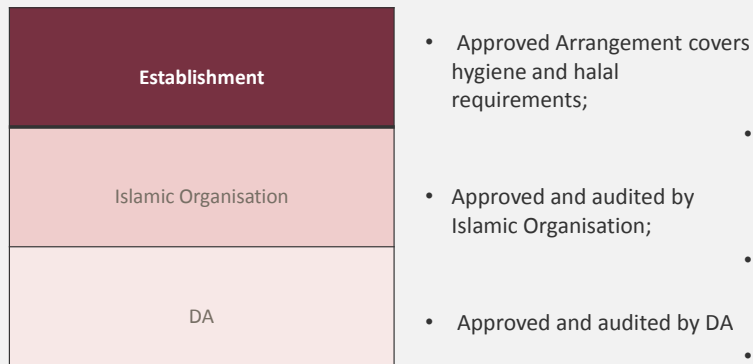
- Have sole responsibility for the religious aspects of production of halal meat;
- Responsible for training, maintaining and auditing halal slaughterers;
- Audit supervised establishments regularly – report to DA.

Responsibilities – DA

- Legislative requirements to oversee export halal certification;
- Co-signatory on halal certification, limited to non-religious aspects;
- Audited by importing country authorities.

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Responsibilities - Establishment



Approved Arrangements for Halal

- The establishment approved arrangement
 - — Is to clearly describe those procedures and practices which when correctly applied by the IO will underpin DA co-certification of halal meat and meat products for export;
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 - Address the relevant requirements of the Act and Orders;
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—Be auditable against, and be capable of being related back to the requirements of the Act and the Orders;

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—Be capable of being understood by all users of the system; and

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—Be subject to formal internal review.

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Approved Arrangements for Halal

- The Islamic Organisation Approved Arrangement must include:

- Training and supervision of Muslim slaughtermen;

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- Supervision and auditing of establishments;

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- Notification of non-conformances detected during audits;

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- Maintenance of appropriate records: and

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- Changes to relevant people.

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Key elements of AGAHP

- National System

- Captured in Australian legislation

- Religious requirements

- Halal slaughter and stunning

- Segregation

- Additional importing country requirements

- Product identification

- Certification

Religious requirements

- Establishments required to provide facilities for prayer;
- Islamic organisations oversee religious suitability of slaughtermen;
- DA limits its role to non-religious aspects.

Halal Slaughter and reversible stunning

•Slaughter

- Authorised slaughtermen; —
- Training. —

Halal Inspectors	83
Muslim slaughtermen	247
Trainee Slaughtermen	20
Supervisors	11

•Reversible stunning

- Animal welfare;
- Emergency kill;
- Research.

Segregation

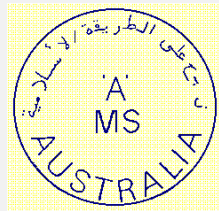
- Halal / Non-halal segregation
- Halal / Haram segregation
 - Slaughter establishments —
 - Non-slaughter establishments •

Additional importing country requirements

- Any additional requirement imposed by the importing country religious organisation. •
- Declaration of commitment —

Product Identification

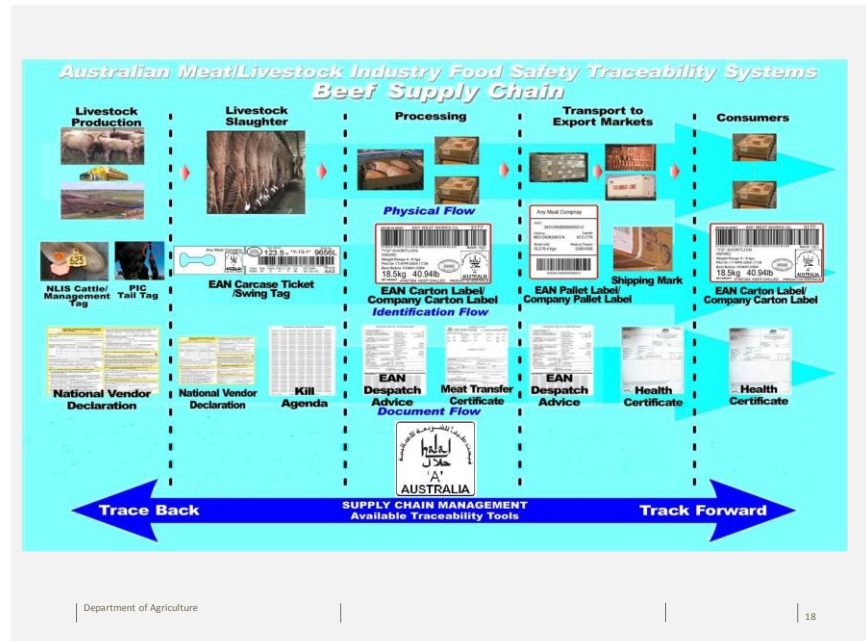
- Official government stamp;
- Identification;
- New official halal mark;
 - Legislative basis
 - Implemented 24 August 2013
 - Either the old or new halal mark may be applied to eligible product prior to 24 August 2013.



Old official halal mark



New official halal mark



Certification

Manual Certificate

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EXDOC Certificate

Electronic halal certificate with seals

Contains

- DAFF impression/embossed seal
- Islamic organisation stamp
- Electronic halal certificates do not contain a halal mark

