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## Chamber Research and Information Center (ICRIC)

The Islamic Chamber Research and Information Center, an affiliated organization to Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA) and from Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), was incepted in 2003, based on a Memorandum of Understanding between the ICCIA and Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries and Mines. It's board members are comprised of nine persons from Iran, Jordan, Malaysia and Egypt. The current president of Iran Chamber is also the president of ICRIC and Dr. Mohammadreza Karbasi is its Secretary General.

The major activities of ICRIC are :

- to identify and analyze challenges and opportunities related to promotion of trade and investment in Islamic countries
- to assist small & medium enterprises in OIC countries
- to organize seminars, workshops and training programs on economic issues
- to collect, compile and disseminate trade data among OIC Countries
- to improve the industrial, economic and business relations among Chambers of Commerce in Islamic Countries

ICRIC in view of its mission entrusted by Islamic Chamber undertakes various responsibilities and projects in order to provide trade as well as economic services to the business communities of the Muslim Countries worldwide. ICRIC'S main project is Halal, which is being handled by its affiliate **Halal World Institute**.

Two billion Muslims of the world have their own religious and technical exigencies, including trading Halal products and services whose global annual volume is estimated around US 2000 \$ billion. Halal trade is becoming more important every day, since access to this huge market is quite attractive for exporting companies. Scores of Halal approving centers have been established

around the globe to confirm the Halal criteria on products by thousands of food producers.

Publishing Halal magazine, research on scientific aspect of Halal, and holding Halal forums are other measures taken by ICRIC. As an affiliate of ICCIA, ICRIC follows and implements OIC Halal Food Standard, and its certificate is globally accepted in Muslim countries.

Holding Annual International Halal Fair & Forum, organizing workshops on Halal foods, medicines, cosmetics, garment, and services are part of ICRIC routine works. The multilingual website: “[www.halalworldinstitute.org](http://www.halalworldinstitute.org)” and Halal Magazine both initiated by ICRIC and to inform the Islamic world on Halal developments.

[www.icricinternational.org](http://www.icricinternational.org)



## **Halal World Institute**

### **Introduction:**

Halal World Institute is an affiliated organ to Islamic Chamber Research and Information Center (ICRIC). It is an international institute from Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) big family. It is established to develop Halal science and promote Halal culture worldwide.

Halal is considered both as a religious belief and superior quality. Thus, Halal World Institute strives to develop Halal science. It is involved in a variety of activities, within its working framework, including Halal Certification, Halal research and science and Halal training.

The structure of Halal World Institute is composed of two scientific and religious committees which deal with Halal science and religion. The committees also cooperate in Halal certification process and make the final decision on qualification of Applicant Company to receive the certificate.

Halal World institute has certified more than 1,000 companies who are active in different areas such as food, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, textiles and services. It has got 18 offices worldwide to serve the companies at the earliest. It is notable that its certificate is admitted by OIC countries and has a good reputation. It has professional and experienced auditors have made such a precise inspection network that enables the Institute to be very most responsive to the applicants.

Halal World Institute has signed M.O.U.s with national and international institutions in OIC countries, and its certificate is recognized by all of them. Beyond the certificate, it is involved in holding international conferences and exhibitions, conducting Halal researches, holding training courses on Halal and publication of Halal book and magazines.

### **What Halal Brand is!**

Halal means lawful and is called to any object or any action which is permissible to use or engage in, according to Islamic law. The term covers and designates not only food and beverage, but also all matters of daily life. The opposite term is [Haram](#). Muslims make up around 1.8 billion people globally and considering the world population is around 6 billion; can you afford not to open your business to this growing market? As this population grows, their demands for Halal food grow as well. Today, Non-Muslims also desire to use Halal food or products due to the safety, hygiene and animal friendly manners existing in their production.

Halal is a superior brand. Currently, it has turned to an attractive market encouraging newcomers to test it. Halal is being applied in many areas such as

food import and export, tourism, finance, logistics and transportation, hygienic and cosmetics, media, insurance, etc.

### **Halal Certificate:**

The merchants and companies, who perceived the significance of Halal brand, tend to enter this market by Halal certificate. Getting the Halal certificate enables them to win the Muslim and non-Muslims markets. While without obtaining Halal certificate, Islamic markets will neglect the products and services. Thus, it is a competitive advantage, moreover; healthiness and safety are observed too.

*The process and procedures of Halal Certification in Halal World Institute:*

- 1- Sending the letter of Intention (form) to **Halal World Institute**, explaining the motives of requesting **Halal Certificate**
2. Filling in the application form, available on [www.halalworldinstitute.org](http://www.halalworldinstitute.org)
3. Transmitting the completed form to [info@halalworldinstitute.org](mailto:info@halalworldinstitute.org) , enclosing the required documentation
- 4- Scheduling the audit time and performing the inspection
- 5- Checking the documents and audit report by Islamic committees
- 6- Halal Certificate will be issued.

The basic requirements for Halal Certification is to employ Muslim personnel, avoid using unlawful ingredients or material in production line, slaughtering the animals in the Islamic way, washing and cleaning the equipments neatly, separation of Halal and Haram materials in storing and transportation and so on.

Interested companies are invited to vide our website to gain more information on: [www.halalworldinstitute.org](http://www.halalworldinstitute.org) , or email us at: [info@halalworldinstitute.org](mailto:info@halalworldinstitute.org)

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