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Halal Competency Assessment (HCA) Practice Questions

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Topic: Basic Halal Concepts

Question 01

True or False: Ritual cleansing is required if my equipment or utensils comes in contact with alcohol.

Answer

The correct answer is **False**.

Ritual cleansing is only required if equipment or utensils comes in contact with **pork and/or pork-based items**.

If the equipment or utensils comes in contact with other non-halal materials e.g. alcohol or non-halal chicken, you do not require any ritual cleansing. Normal cleansing with dishwashing liquid and clean water is sufficient until it is no longer visible, smelt and no lingering taste.

For information:

Ritual cleansing is a special type of cleaning using water & clay. If the equipment or utensils used have come into contact with pork and its derivatives, you would need to engage Muis to perform the ritual cleansing prior to submission of Halal Certification.

Topic: Basic Halal Concepts

Question 02

What percentage of ethanol in final product is considered acceptable?

- (1) Not exceeding 1%
- (2) Not exceeding 0.1%
- (3) Not exceeding 0.5%
- (4) No limit

Answer

The correct answer is **(2) Not exceeding 0.1% ethanol limit in final product.**

The fatwa committee (religious ruling in Singapore) opined that the content of ethanol in end-product **should not exceed 0.1%**

As for the content of ethanol in flavouring and seasoning, it should not exceed 0.5%.

It is important to note that the source of ethanol must not be from the brewery industry.

You may read on the fatwa here: [Muis | Muis: Office of the Mufti](#)

Topic: Basic Halal Concepts

Question 03

Which of the following is considered Halal?

- (1) Crocodile
- (2) Frog
- (3) Eel
- (4) Wild boar

Answer

The correct answer is **(3) Eel**.

The following are examples of Haram food and drinks:

Amphibians

Blood & Birds of Prey

Carnivores

Dead Meat/Carrion

Intoxicants

Swine

*In short, **A.B.C.D.I.S***

Crocodile & Frog are Amphibians whereas Wild boar is a type of boar.

Hence, only Eel is considered Halal as it is a type of fish.

Topic: Code of Conduct

Question 04

True or False: I only have a minor menu change (2 new menu added). Since it is minor, I do not need to submit Amend application to include into my application.

Answer

The correct answer is **False**.

Regardless if the change is Minor or Major, for any addition or removal of menu and/or ingredients list, the establishment shall submit Amend application within the certification duration.

This is to ensure that only declared Menu and Ingredients are served and used within the certification. This is in line with Muis HCC Clause 3.4¹, 3.5² or 3.6³

1 - Eating Establishment Cat 1 & Cat 2, Food Preparation Area Scheme; 2-Storage Facility Scheme; 3- Product/Whole Plant Scheme

Click [here](#) to refer to Muis Halal Certification Conditions (HCC)

Topic: Code of Conduct

Question 05

As a Halal Assurance Officer, I found roaches while working in my Halal Certified Restaurant. I have taken photos of the infestation and called pest control. What should be the next appropriate action?

- (1) No action to be taken as pest control have been informed
- (2) Report the matter to SFA
- (3) Report to Muis via info@muiss.gov.sg or Muis hotline (6359 1199)
- (4) Share photos online to make the matter viral

Answer

The correct answer is **(2) Report the matter to SFA**

For any matters relating to **food safety and hygiene**, it shall be **reported to Singapore Food Agency (SFA)**.

For any matters relating to halal certification (e.g. cross-mixing of halal and non-halal ingredients / washing point in hawker centre / Halal Competency Assessment / Muslim staff issues etc.), it shall be reported to Muis via info@muiss.gov.sg / hotline (6359 1199)

Topic: Code of Conduct

Question 06

ABC Catering Pte Ltd is a halal certified establishment. Due to manpower crunch, they have included their outsourced Halal consultant as part of the halal team to meet the minimum Muslim personnel requirements. Is this allowed?

- (1) Yes, this is allowed as halal consultants assist with all administrative & halal-related matters for ABC Catering Pte Ltd
- (2) No, this is not allowed as Halal Team members should only consist of those employed by ABC Catering Pte Ltd

Answer

The correct answer is **(2) No, this is not allowed as Halal Team members should only consist of those employed by ABC Catering Pte Ltd**

Halal consultants, if any, is externally engaged by ABC Catering Pte Ltd to assist with the halal application.

Only staff of a company / establishment who is a Muslim and employed on a full- and/or part-time permanent basis can be part of the halal team.

Key takeaway: The establishment/company shall take ownership of the halal application, be the main point of contact, attend the audit, know procedures of halal certification and attend to any halal-related matters and/or questions asked by Muis officers.

Topic: Halal Certification Conditions (HCC)

Question 07

What is the employment status required for Muslim staff working in a Muis Halal-certified establishment?

- (A) Permanent part-time
- (B) Casual part-time (depending on the individual availability)
- (C) Full-time staff
- (D) Temporary staff

- (1) A & C
- (2) A, B, C
- (3) A, B, D
- (4) All of the above

Answer

The correct answer is **(1) A (Permanent part-time) & C (Full-time staff)**

Muis HCC Clause 3.12¹, 3.13² and 3.14³ stated that: The applicant shall engage at least 2 permanent Muslim personnel (All Schemes except FPA) or at least 3 Muslim personnel (only for Food Preparation Area Scheme)

1 - Eating Establishment Cat 1 & Storage Facility Scheme; 2- Product/Whole Plant & Eating Establishment Cat 2 Scheme; 3- Food Preparation Area Scheme

By definition [Refer to Annex C – Glossary in Muis [HCC](#)], permanent Muslim personnel refers to the staff of a company / establishment who is a Muslim and employed on a full-and/or part-time permanent basis. It includes the owner of a company / establishment who is a Muslim.

Hence, only Permanent part-time & Full-time staff are considered permanent Muslim personnel.

Topic: Halal Certification Conditions (HCC)

Question 08

Which is a valid training certificate to be considered as Trained?

- (1) Training certificate (Physical training conducted by external vendor) & Muis Halal Competency Assessment (HCA)
- (2) Training certificate (Physical training conducted by external vendor) only
- (3) Muis Halal Competency Assessment (HCA) only

Answer

The correct answer is **(3) Muis Halal Competency Assessment (HCA) only**

Only Muis Halal Competency Assessment (HCA) certificate is a valid training certificate.

It is not mandatory to attend any physical training conducted by any external vendor, hence, the training certificate is not considered as a training certificate.

You may find the self-study resources by Muis here: [Muis | Muis: Halal](#)

For Information: Muis introduced HCA in March 2023. HCA is an assessment to recognise individual's Halal competency as part of the requirement for Halal Certification. HCA will replace the assessment portion of the previous Halal Foundation programme (HFP). In line with this, there will be a 2-stage transition period for personnel who previously attended & obtained HFP. You may refer here for more information: [Muis | Muis: Halal](#)

Topic: Halal Certification Conditions (HCC)

Question 09

True or False: Only Muslims can be a Halal Assurance Officer.

Answer

The correct answer is **True**.

Every establishment shall employ at least 2 (3 for Food Preparation Area scheme) permanent Muslim personnel, one of whom shall be appointed as the "Halal Assurance Officer", with a supervisory role.

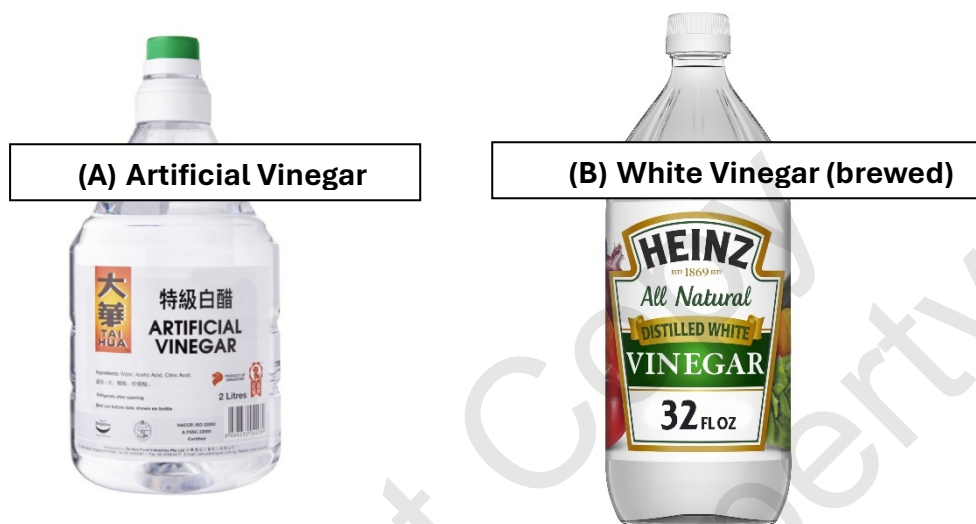
For information: The Halal Assurance Officer was previously known as Muslim Representative

Hence, only Muslim personnel can be a Halal Assurance Officer.

Topic: Traceability & Verification of Ingredients

Question 10

What is the risk categorisation of the two products?



- (1) both are Medium-low risk ingredient
- (2) A is medium-low, B is medium-high
- (3) A is low, B is medium-low
- (4) both are medium-high risk ingredient

Answer

The correct answer is **(2) A (Artificial Vinegar) is medium-low, B (White Vinegar (brewed)) is medium-high**

Artificial vinegar: Made from synthetic chemicals and does not involve any fermentation. Primarily derived from non-animal sources that go through further processing without any animal-based additives, it is categorised as Medium-low ingredient.

White vinegar (brewed): Goes through fermentation, which may result in ethanol production in the final product. As it is highly processed, involving fermentation, hence it is categorised as Medium-high risk ingredient.

You may refer to the Risk Categorisation Table in Annex of Muis HCC here for the supporting documents required: [HCC](#)

Topic: Traceability & Verification of Ingredients

Question 11

Abby, procurement manager for ZYX Catering Pte Ltd, is sourcing for ice-cream to be sold as part of their offered Catering menu.

She shortlisted Haagen Buzz Vanilla, Chocolate & Strawberry ice-cream which is halal-certified by a Muis-recognised certifying body.

However, she note that the brand also offers alcoholic-flavoured options.

True or False: Abby cannot purchase the halal-certified Haagen Buzz icecream flavours she shortlisted because the same brand also sells alcohol-flavoured ice creams.

Answer

The correct answer is ***False, Abby can purchase the halal-certified Haagen Buzz ice cream flavours she shortlisted.***

Why can Abby purchase the shortlisted ice creams:

1. **Halal Certification:** The ice creams are halal-certified by a Muis-recognised certifying body.
2. **Traceability & Verification of Ingredients:** Verify the Product name, Manufacturer name & Manufacturer address on product label of ice creams to the halal certificate.
3. **Separate Production:** Halal-certified products are typically produced in separate facilities or production lines from their non-halal items
4. **Responsibility of Certification Bodies:** Muis-recognised certifying bodies are responsible for ensuring that halal-certified products meet all necessary requirements

Key Takewayay: Halal certification is specific to a product, not the brand. The existence of alcoholic flavours in the brand's range does not affect the halal status of separately certified non-alcoholic flavours.

Important Note on New Menu Items: Within the certification duration, if ZYX Catering Pte Ltd wish to offer these ice creams, Abby shall submit an Amend application to include the new Menu and/or Raw Materials to be used. This ensures the company's halal certification remain up-to-date and compliant with all requirements.

Topic: Traceability & Verification of Ingredients

Question 12

Which is the correct product label for the halal certificate shown below?

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مركز الدعوة الإسلامية لأوروبا واللاتينية Islamic Dissemination Center for Latin America Centro de Divulgação do Islam Para América Latina	
572435 شهادة ذبح حلال	
يشهد مركز الدعوة الإسلامية لأمریکا اللاتينية بأن شحنة لحوم الأبقار والأغنام والدواجن ومشتقاتها المعبأة أدناه قد تم ذبحها طبقاً لأحكام الشريعة الإسلامية وذلك تحت مراقبة المشرف العام للمركز، كما أنه تأكد عبر اتخاذ جميع الإجراءات اللازمة بخلوها وعدم اختلاطها بأي لحوم خنزيرية أو مواد كحولية وهي صالحة للاستهلاك من قبل المسلمين في جميع أنحاء العالم.	
CERTIFICATE OF HALAL SLAUGHTERING The ISLAMIC DISSEMINATION CENTRE FOR LATIN AMERICA testifies that the under mentioned shipment beef / muttons / poultry and their derivatives has been slaughtered in according to the Islamic rites in presence of its authorized representatives and under direct coordination of its general Supervisor. All adequate precautions were taken to prevent its contamination with pig meat and alcoholic products. Accordingly, this meat is Halal and suitable for consumption by Muslims all over the World.	
CERTIFICADO DE ABATE HALAL O CENTRO DE DIVULGAÇÃO DO ISLAM PARA AMÉRICA LATINA testemunha que o referido carregamento de carne bovina / aves e seus derivados foram abatidos em acordo com os ritos islâmicos em presença dos nossos representantes autorizados e sob coordenação direta do nosso Supervisor geral. Foram tomadas as precauções adequadas para evitar a contaminação com carne suína e produtos alcoólicos. Por conseguinte, esta carne é Halal e adequada para o consumo dos muçulmanos em todo o mundo.	
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4 - Producing Company & Plant/ Empresa Produtora e Planta / gijr/ الشركة المنتجة والمصنع	COPACOL - Coop. Agroind. Consolata Rua Des.Munhoz de Mello, Centro CAFELÂNDIA Paraná Brasil SIF 516
5 - Description, Quality & Quantity/ Descrição, Qualidade e Quantidade الكمية - نوعها - وصفها 27.000.000 KG OF FROZEN CHICKEN COPACOL BRAND BRAZIL ORIGIN BONELESS LEG 200GR/UP 2KGX5 V/P SIF 516. 2.250 CARTONS.	
6 - Consignment Details / Detalhes da Remessa / تفاصيل الشحنة	
7 - Net Weight / Peso Líquido / تفاصيل الشحنة II - Gross Weight / Peso Bruto / الوزن الإجمالي	27.000.000 kg 28.755.000 kg
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25 - NAME / POSITION / SIGNATURE / الاسم / الرتبة / التوقيع NOME / CARGO / ASSINATURA	



(1)



(2)



(3)

H FRESH FROZEN CHICKEN DRUMSTICK

Pack Date : DD/MM/YY
 Expiry Date : DD/MM/YY
 Processed By : Leong Hup Food Pte Ltd. 6. Senoko Way S(758029)
 Distributed By : Leong Hup Food Pte Ltd. 6. Senoko Way S(758029) C2269
 Storage : **Keep Refrigerated at 0°C to 4°C**



(4)

Answer

The correct answer is **(3)**

The necessary information for verification is circled in both Halal Cert & Product Label



The following information is necessary to check for traceability:

- (a) Product Name
- (b) Brand Name
- (c) Manufacturer details
- (d) Plant Number, if any
- (e) Production & Expiry date, if any

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As for the other product label option on why they are incorrect:



Option 1:

Product Name is – Bone in Lamb and originated from Australia.

The halal certificate required should be from Australia with plant number 689.



Option 2:

Although this is certified by the same certifying body (CDIAL), the Product and Brand Name is incorrect.

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Option 4:

The above item is a Muis halal certified item. Hence, the correct halal certificate should be from Muis, not a Muis-recognised halal certifying body.



Topic: Traceability & Verification of Ingredients

Question 13

Which of the following is not a High-risk ingredient?

- (1) Chicken Meat
- (2) Chicken Egg
- (3) Chicken Oil
- (4) Chicken Skin

Answer

The correct answer is **(2) Chicken Egg**

Chicken egg is a low-risk ingredient although it is derived from Chicken. The definition for low risk is: Primarily derived from non-animal sources, which are unprocessed or minimally processed. Although it is derived from animal source (Chicken), eggs are generally minimally processed (washed & sanitized only).

Chicken Meat, Oil & Skin are all derived from poultry & it's derivatives. The definition for high risk is: Contain flavouring, gelatine or meat and its derivatives.

Hence, all other ingredients are categorised as High risk as they are derivatives of Chicken (poultry)

Important Note: In the Ingredient list declaration, Chicken meat, oil and skin shall be declared with full product name, brand name & halal certifying body.

Topic: Traceability & Verification of Ingredients

Question 14

What supporting document should you produce for Sesame oil?

- (1) Halal Certificate
- (2) Completed Muis Halal Questionnaire
- (3) Minimally Product specification or label. If necessary, a completed Muis Halal Questionnaire

Answer

The correct answer is **(3) Minimally Product specification or label. If necessary, a completed Muis Halal Questionnaire.**

Sesame oil is a Medium-low risk ingredient. Medium-low risk ingredient is defined as Primarily derived from non-animal sources that go through further processing without any animal-based additives.

Hence, product specifications or label is sufficient as a supporting document. This requirement is included in Muis HCC Clause 3.5

If the Sesame oil comes with a valid and recognised halal certificate, Muis will still accept the supporting document, and the product specification does not need to be provided.

Topic: Traceability & Verification of Ingredients

Question 15

What is the item name and brand name to be declared for the following product label?



- (1) Item Name: Chicken Leg; Brand Name: Nat
- (2) Item Name: Frozen Chicken Boneless Leg Meat; Brand Name: Nat
- (3) Item Name: Nat Frozen Chicken Boneless Leg Meat; Brand Name: Brasil
- (4) Item Name: Chicken; Brand Name: BLM 260-280g

Answer

The correct answer is **(2) Item Name: Frozen Chicken Boneless Leg Meat; Brand Name: Nat**

The name of the item shall be declared in full, as per the product label & halal certificate (Frozen Chicken Boneless Leg Meat).

The brand name is Nat. (this information should be available on both the product label & halal certificate).

BRASIL 212 SIF – this is the Plant Number

BLM 260-280g – this is the weight of the item

Topic: Case Studies

Question 16

ABC Catering Pte Ltd is a Halal-certified caterer that specialises in mutton and lamb dishes. Most of their dishes require cubed meat.

They usually purchase halal-certified frozen meat and cut in their kitchen. However, their head chef is on long MC.

They then requested their supplier to help them to cut the halal-certified frozen meat to cubes before delivery to save time.

The original frozen meat halal certificate is still valid when submitted to Muis officer, true or false?

Answer

The correct answer is **False**.

The halal certificate of the frozen meat item is **only valid if it is delivered in its original state** with no cutting or processing.

Once any item has been opened from the original packaging and further processed (cut/repacked/marinated etc.), the original halal certificate is no longer valid and cannot be used.

Key Takeaway: If ABC Catering Pte Ltd would like to purchase cubed meat, they would need to ensure the meat processing company is Muis halal certified, and produce a Muis halal certificate with a traceable item name to their product label e.g. XYZ Mutton Cubed

Topic: Case Studies

Question 17

Ahmad recently purchased minced chicken from his usual supplier. However, the new batch of chicken delivered today has no label. What should Ahmad do to ensure that the chicken can be used in his Halal-certified establishment?

- (1) Accept the items as this is their usual supplier who is also Muslim
- (2) Accept the items, but ask them to send the label via Whatsapp for verification
- (3) Reject the items and request for it to be repacked in the usual packaging & labelling
- (4) Reject the items and request for proper labelling with the halal mark & supporting documents to ensure traceability

Answer

The correct answer is ***(4) Reject the items and request for proper labelling with the halal mark & supporting documents to ensure traceability.***

With reference to Muis HCC Clause 3.5, all ingredients and food items prior to purchase shall be substantiated with product specifications or labels.

In addition, ingredients and food items categorised as High-risk (Minced chicken) shall be supported with a halal certificate mark from Muis and/or Muis-recognised Halal Certification body (on the label).

Hence, Ahmad shall reject the item although it came from his usual supplier as it does not meet the labelling requirement. Ahmad shall then request for proper labelling & the necessary supporting documents for the next delivery.

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Question 18

Siti, Halal Assurance Officer for JKL Pte Ltd, was handed an invoice in Mandarin as the shipment was from China. What should Siti do with the invoice?

- (1) Just sign it as she has seen & verified the items physically
- (2) Ask her Chinese colleagues to translate the invoice while she signs
- (3) Reject the invoice as it is not in English
- (4) Request her Chinese colleagues to check, sign & endorse on the invoice instead as she cannot understand

Answer

The correct answer is **(3) *Reject the invoice as it is not in English***

It is the responsibility of a Halal Assurance Officer to receive and endorse on all incoming raw materials with his/her signature, name & date of verification.

Hence, it is important to receive invoices in English for Halal Assurance Officer / other Muslim personnel within the Halal Team to receive and review, where necessary.

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Question 19

XYZ Beef Balls is a product manufactured in Singapore and certified halal by Muis.

Manufacturing date: 30 June 2022

Production Expiry date: 29 June 2024

Muis halal certificate expiry date: 31 July 2022

During a halal audit on 12 Aug 2022, can customer ABC use and show the expired halal certificate to Muis officer?

(1) Yes, as the product was manufactured before the Halal certificate expiry

(2) No, the halal certificate has expired. A valid halal certificate must be provided as this is a high-risk ingredient

Answer

The correct answer is **(1) Yes, as the product was manufactured before the Halal certificate expiry**

XYZ Beef balls was manufactured within the certification duration in June 2022, before the expiry date of 31 July 2022.

As the certification audit of customer ABC is after the expiry date and manufacturer have yet to receive their renewed certificate, the expired certificate can be used as a supporting document. However, it is good practice to ensure the halal certificate validity for all high-risk items (meat, poultry, flavours) are updated in the halal file.

Important Note: It is also the role of the Halal Assurance Officer to check and verify on the certificates during receiving. It is the responsibility of the certificate holder to maintain complete and accurate documentation as Muis may request for documents at any point during the certification duration.

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Question 20

Which of the following are considered medium-high risk raw materials?

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|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| A. Chicken meat | B. Cheese | C. Soy Sauce |
| D. Vanilla Flavour | E. Asparagus | F. Yellow Noodles |

- (1) A, C, D, F
- (2) A, B, C, F
- (3) B & C only
- (4) All the above

Answer

The correct answer is **(3) B (Cheese) & C (Soy Sauce) only**

The following are the risk-categorisation of each raw material listed above:

A. Chicken meat: High risk (Meat / Poultry: Contain flavouring, gelatine or meat and its derivatives)

B. Cheese: Medium-high risk (Cheese & byproducts: Have been highly processed, may involve fermentation or have animal-derived substances added)

C. Soy Sauce: Medium-high risk (Sauces & Condiments: Have been highly processed, may involve fermentation or have animal-derived substances added)

D. Vanilla Flavour: High Risk (Flavour: Contain flavouring, gelatine or meat and its derivatives)

E. Asparagus: Low Risk (Vegetable: Primarily derived from non-animal sources, which are unprocessed or minimally processed)

F: Yellow Noodles: Medium-low Risk (Noodles: Primarily derived from non-animal sources that go through further processing without any animal-based additives)

You may refer in Annex A of [HCC](#) for the risk categorisation table and the types of documents required per risk category.

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Question 21

What information is important to ensure traceability (between the product label & halal certificate) in a Muis-halal certified item?

- (1) Ensure halal certificate is still valid, Product name (brand name included, if any), Manufacturer details (name & address)
- (2) Product name & Manufacturer name
- (3) Product name (regardless of brand, as long as the name is the same), Manufacturer details (name & address)
- (4) Just the product name will do

Answer

The correct answer is **(1) Ensure halal certificate is still valid, Product name (brand name included, if any), Manufacturer details (name & address)**

For companies certified under Product or Whole Plant scheme, the following information is available on the certificate:

- 1. Expiry date
- 2. Name of product (includes brand, if declared by Manufacturer)
- 3. Manufacturer name
- 4. Manufacturer address

Information 1 to 3 shall be available in both certificate and product label artwork, hence, do look out for the information.

The product label will also have Muis Halal logo for easy identification of a Muis certified product.