

The DGFT Proposes Draft Guidelines on Halal Certification for the Export of Meat and its Products On 17th January 2023, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) issued a Trade Notice in regard to Streamlining the proposed draft guidelines on Halal Certification for the export of meat and its products.

With the aim of streamlining the Halal Certification process for the export of meat and meat products from India, the draft guidelines on Halal Certification for the export of meat and its products are henceforth proposed.

The Salient Features of the issued draft guidelines are as follows -

- All meat and meat products to be exported as "Halal certified" only if it is produced, processed, and packed under a valid certificate issued by a Certification Body duly accredited by the National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB), Quality Council of India (QCI) under India Conformity Assessment Scheme (i-CAS) -Halal as per enclosed guidelines.
- The Certification Bodies are to follow the procedure laid down as per the i-CAS Halal.
- The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) are to be designated as the overall monitoring agency for this purpose.

Draft guidelines are attached to the document circulated for public/industry comments and feedback. The comments on the draft guidelines are to be sent to by February 17, 2023, for compilation and to prepare the final guidelines in the matter.



Official Notification Attached <u>here</u>