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Halal food certification problems Worldwide

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Abstract

Halal is an Arabic and islamic word that mean permitted or lawful. Halal foods are those allowed under Islamic dietary guidelines. Muslims can not consume unlawful foods. Halal foods have to be healthy and clean. Problems within the Halal distribution system in Turkey, began to emerge in the 1970s. Alcohol was detected in some carbonated beverages and the disclosure of the actual amounts increased consumer suspicions. The other concern was whether there were animal fats in margarine. Since then Halalcertification have become more important in Turkey as they have also grown around the world. In themid-2000s, the emphasis on developing global Halal standards has accelerated. Turkish companies, particularly those exporting products, have seen an increase in the requirement to obtain a Halal food certificate. During this period, the governmental Turkish Standards Institute and other private certifiers have worked on getting Halal food certification right and establish scientific efforts to better monitor food and appropriate jurisprudence boards to decide issues according to Islamic law (Sheriah). There are many NGOs and government agencies that are certifying Halal food around the world. However, their standards are quite different from each other.