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Control of use of Halal mark and Halal certificates

1. Purpose & scope

This procedure aims to describe the mechanisms, by which GHS ensures that the Halal mark and the Halal certificates granted to client are used within the validity and specifically for the range of certified products.

2. Responsibilities

It is a shared responsibility on both, the GHS and the certified client to prevent misuse of the Halal mark and Halal certificates. The GM of GHS is responsible within the GHS for ensuring that Halal mark has not been subject to misuse.

3. Terms, Definitions & Abbreviations


GM:	General management
:	Impartiality committee
:	Sharia committee
:	Certification decision committee
CAC:	Complaints/ Appeals committee
:	Technical department
QM:	Quality management
AD:	Administration
BO:	Branch office
TA:	Technical auditor
IAE:	Islamic affairs expert
TE:	Technical expert
LA:	Lead auditor
SU:	Supervisor (meat)

Certification Scheme: The certification system related to specified products, to which the same specified requirements, specific rules and procedures apply.

Product certification: A third-party attestation related to products

COC: Certificate of conformity, which is a formal document issued by the accredited certification body, stating that certification is being granted for the product in accordance with the applicable scheme/ standards.

CB: Certification body

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HCB: Halal certification body

AB: Accreditation body

SOP: Standard operating procedure

NC: Non-conformity

4. GHS -Halal mark

GHS has designed a specific Halal conformity mark, which the certified clients can use on their certified products within the certification validity period.

This mark appears as follows:



The dimensions and colors must be kept in their unique original form and degree unchanged. Sizing is allowed while keeping the scaling proportion unchanged. The correct materials and tools shall be used to produce or print the logo as in its original form, color, and proportions.

GHS is willing to protect this Halal mark in Poland by official registration, so that only GHS and its clients under GHS -permission can use it. The evidence of this mark registration and mark protection will be kept and be provided to interested parties, as soon as it becomes available, upon request.


The protection period is given officially in Poland for 20 years by Europe union (the Poland patent and mark office).

5. Use of Halal mark

GHS owns the Halal certification mark as part of its certification system along with the Halal certificate, and Halal scheme. Once a client is certified by GHS, the client gets the right to use GHS -mark of conformity. The requirements of ISO 17030, regulate the use of our conformity mark by our clients.

Our clients shall let no confusion happen between certified and non-certified products in the use of our conformity mark.

The market will be monitored. In case a misuse of the conformity mark is found, an appropriate action will be taken against the breaching party.


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For marketing purposes, the certified clients are permitted to use our Halal mark on brochures and advertising materials.

In case of doubts regarding the use of GHS -Logo, a written approval should be sought from GHS.

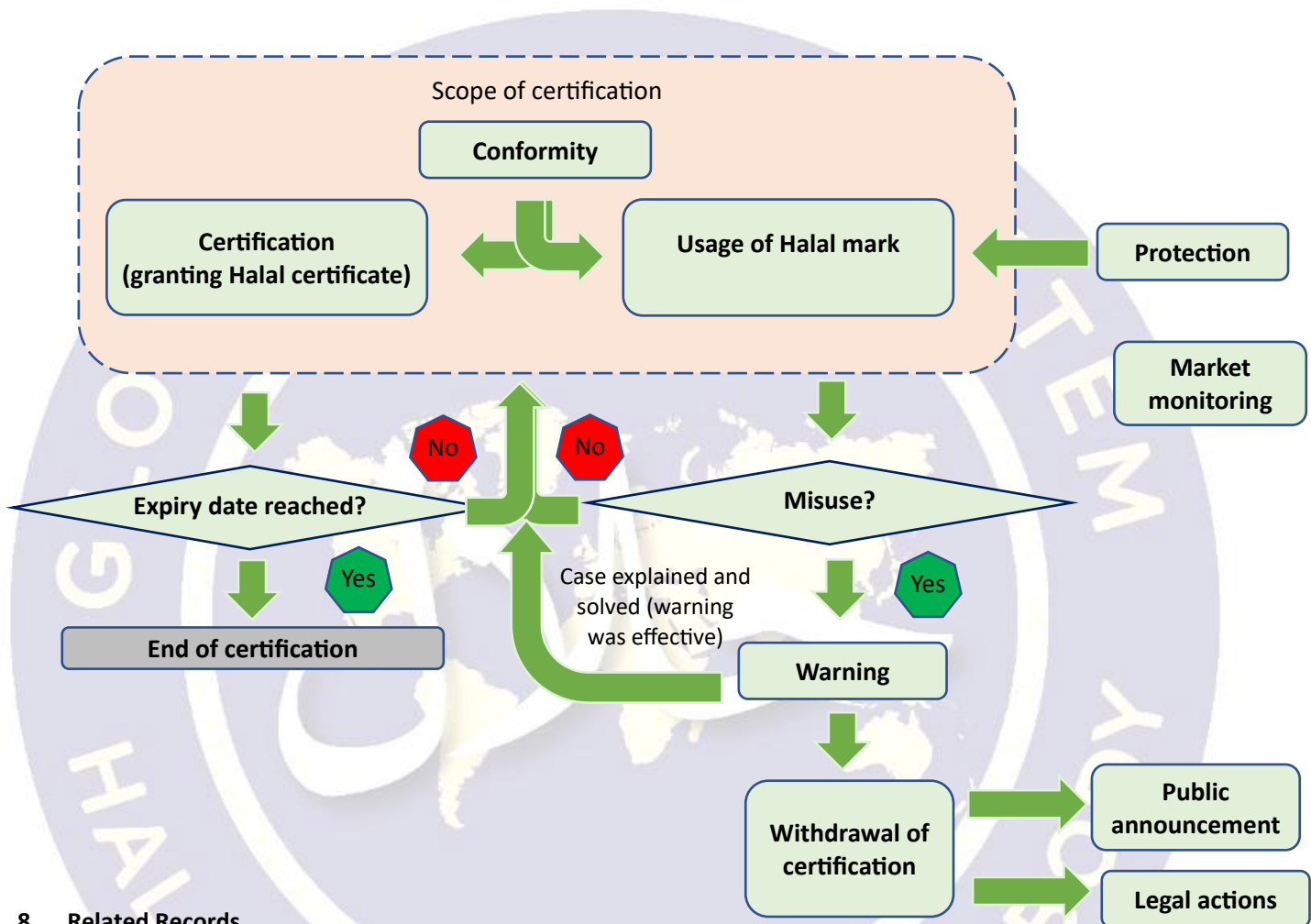
6. Types of misuse and responsive actions

Types of misuse	Action
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Claiming the ownership of the certification mark of conformity. 2. Use of mark by a non-certified party. 3. The certified client fails to comply after certification (non-conformities exist or refusing to comply to certification scheme requirements). 4. Fees are not paid by the certified client. 5. Printing wrong logo on certified products. 6. Using the mark after expiry of the certificate. 7. Use of mark by the certified client for products other than those which are certified. 	<p>Written warning to inform the client or the violating party about the misuse being committed.</p> <p>Identifying the actions to implement, should the client or the violating party not adhere or act within the time frame mentioned in the warning.</p> <p>The actions can be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public announcement ▪ Informing accreditation organizations ▪ Suspension or withdrawal of the certificate and right to use the mark ▪ Filing the case in the court (legal procedure)

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7. Process flow chart

The process is shown on the diagram



8. Related Records

- Certification Scheme of GHS
- SOP 14-F02 Confidentiality Agreement
- SOP 14-F08 Logo Agreement

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