



# HALAL WATCH WORLD

THE **GOLD** STANDARD



## DOCUMENT SUBMISSION REPORT

International Food Solutions

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# COMPANY BACKGROUND

**Halal Watch World LLC** is a halal certification limited liability corporation based in the state of New York, and has operated in the certification industry since 1990. HWW is an organization that stands upon the trust of the Muslim public, and believes that it is imperative that their trust never be jeopardized. We maintain standards to the highest degree of scrutiny and perform regular audits for the protection of our constituents.

Halal Watch World understands that halal certification is a communal obligation (فرض كفاية), meaning, at least one person of the community must uphold it. If no one takes up this responsibility, the entire community bears a burden of sin. Therefore, we must be extra diligent with this effort. We realize the seriousness of the matter and understand the dire consequences of not filling this duty to the fullest capacity. God explains this to us in the Holy Quran by His statement:

***“ And say not concerning that which your tongue says falsely: 'This is Halal and this is Haram,' so as to invent lies against Allah. Verily, those who invent lies against Allah will never prosper...A passing brief enjoyment (will be theirs), but they will have a painful torment.”***

*[Al Quran] 16:116-117*

HWW ensures to the best of its ability a high level of authenticity is upheld. This allows them to gain the trust of the Muslim community, and garner strong relationships with companies who produce, process, and distribute halal products at all levels. By this, they are able to offer halal producing company's guidance and consultation on the direction of their processes and products, while ensuring that Islamic dietary standards are always maintained and monitored. Muslims can use this information in order to make well informed decisions about what they choose to eat.

**Legal Filings:** Halal Watch World holds registered trademark number 4728733, and Department of State (New York) number 4814343. Halal Watch World is also a registered halal certifying organization with The Department of Agriculture and Markets of New York State (See supporting documentation).

We begin in the name of God SWT



# CERTIFICATION CONSIDERATIONS

There are 4 main factors taken into consideration when determining the halal status of a product:

## **1. Is the product/ingredient Halal Aslan (by default)?**

If the product is Halal by default, then there will be no ingredient investigation conducted. An audit of the HPF (Halal Product Facility), facility related documents and product identification documentation will however, still be required.

## **2. Is the product/ingredient Halal certified via another organization?**

If another organization certifies the product as Halal, then it is incumbent upon us to perform a *tahqeeq* (verification) certification of the establishment. We must be able to ascertain that the certifying body is competent and capable of determining the status of such products. In the event that we are unable to gain this information, our organization must inspect the location of production before certifying.

## **3. What is the Risk Assessment of the Facility?**

Each HPF (Halal Product Facility) must be assessed and assigned an appropriate level of risk. Each facility is graded according to assessed risk. As risk increases, guidelines, restrictions, and measures become more stringent. Risk is determined according to the products present in the facility, product and process management, and the equipment utilized for processing. Any product/s made with or derived from the items mentioned below would be considered Haram:

1. Human derived ingredients
2. Pork
3. Donkey (excluding the Onager)
4. Animals with fangs or talons (Carnivorous)  
(Excluding Hyena and Fox according to school of thought)
5. Animals not slaughtered according to Islamic ritual rites
6. Carrion
7. All forms of filth (Najis) i.e. Urine, Excrement, Blood, Pus, Vomit, etc
8. Insects (other than locusts)
9. Animals fed with more than 50% of any of the above without being fed on a pure diet for a stipulated number of days (The Jallaalah)

10. Any intoxicants
11. Anything toxic or harmful to the body (such as cigarettes)
12. Anything processed, made, produced, manufactured, and/or stored using utensils, equipment, and/or machinery in contact with any of the above that have not been cleansed according to standards which remove contaminants.

HiRF: High Risk Facility

Any facility that utilizes item/s listed above or a derivative thereof within the HPF and processes both halal and haram products using indifferent tools, machinery, or utensils. Thus, HiRF's by nature involve contaminants in some way in its processing.

MeRF: Medium Risk Facility

Any facility that processes both halal and haram products using segregated tools, machinery, or utensils to the exclusion of items listed above. Facilities that process any of these items, even if segregation methods are employed, are to be deemed HiRF's.

LoRF: Low Risk Facility

Any facility that does not process haram products on or inside of the premises.

As mentioned earlier, in relation to each risk level there are guidelines, restrictions and measures in place for the avoidance of contamination. Before any facility or any product made in said facility can be considered Halal suitable or certified Halal, these guidelines will have to be strictly adhered to.

Regarding contamination, products cannot be cooked upon or within the same utensils without proper cleansing. This means that any liquid substance that interacts with non-halal products becomes contaminated. This includes oil, and other wet cooking surfaces. Thus, if a vat of oil is used to cook non-halal products (which is considered as filth), it cannot be used to cook Halal products without contaminating it.

#### **4. Are there any contents in the product that contain impermissible ingredients?**

We refer to the list of impermissible consumables on the previous pages. If the product under audit is found to contain any of the ingredients on the ban list, these products cannot be considered as halal, unless said ingredients are replaced with halal suitable alternatives.

# Client Details: International Food Solutions

## FACILITY PROFILE

The vision for International Food Solutions is to offer nutrition, taste and value with a central focus on being a multi-faceted solutions provider. Our current product portfolio features both Asian Food Solutions and Comida Vida as well as a strategic partnership with SNAP Gourmet Foods. We continue to align with on-trend brands to offer variety within our portfolio.

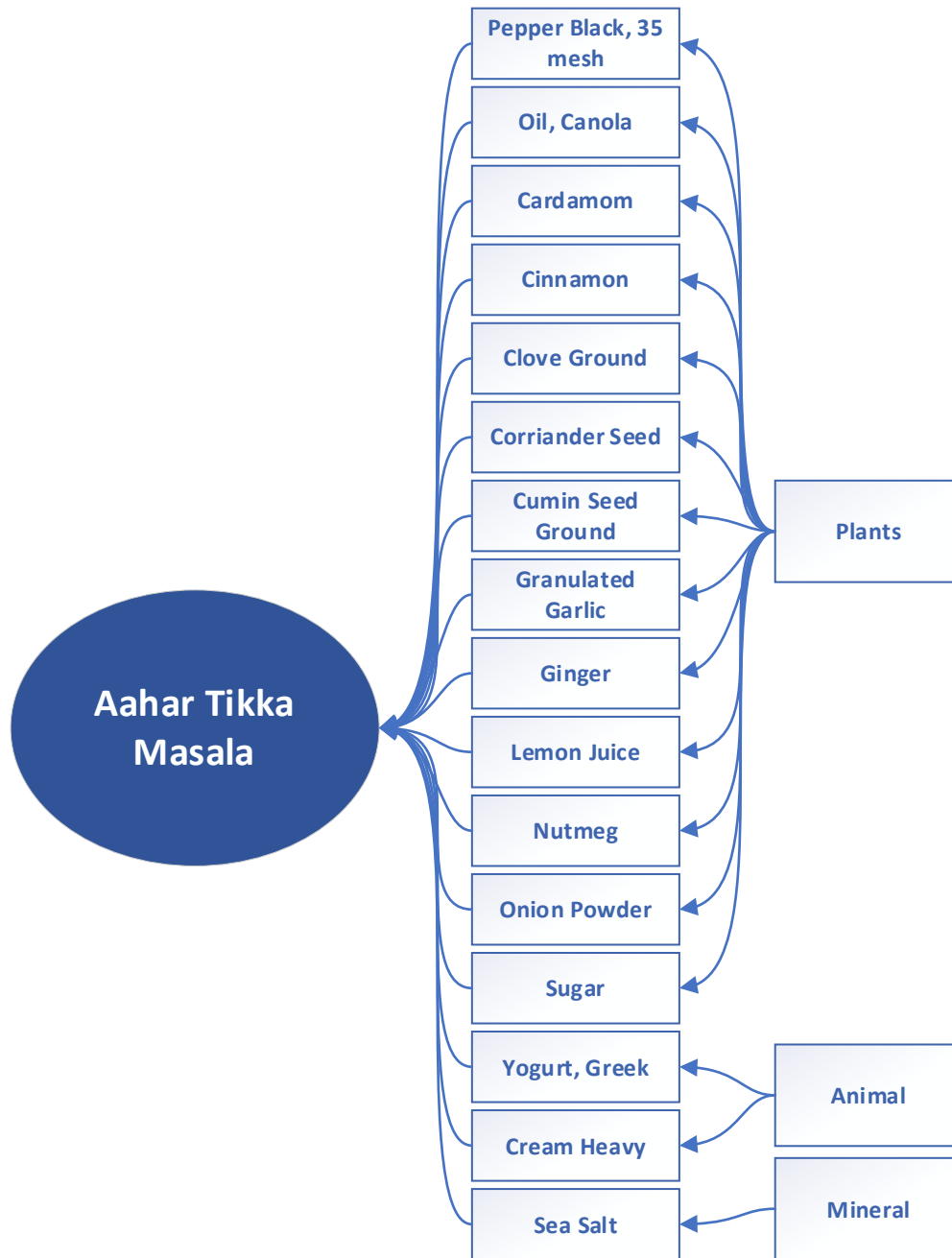
<b>Client Details</b>	
<b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b>	
Product Type:	Refined Foods
Total Number of Products:	1
Total Number of Ingredients:	17
<b>SUPPLIER OVERVIEW</b>	
Supplier1:	Cargill
Supplier2:	Elite Spices
Supplier3:	DongSheng
Supplier4:	Kontos
Supplier5:	Greenwood
Supplier6:	Prairie Farms
Supplier7:	United Sugars
Supplier8:	JB Boswell
Supplier9:	Cantina

## PRODUCT INFORMATION

Product name	Client product #	HWW Product ID
Aahar Tikka Masala		MR229_RM812

**PRODUCT PROFILE**

**Aahar Tikka Masala**



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Tikka Masala sauce is usually creamy and orange-coloured. The dish was first offered by British cooks of south Asian origin and subsequently gained popularity at restaurants around the world.

### Ingredient Status

**Black Pepper:** – **Halal** (Shartan) [Black pepper is a flowering vine in the family Piperaceae, cultivated for its fruit, which is usually dried and used as a spice and seasoning. The fruit is a drupe which is about 5 mm in diameter, dark red, and contains a stone which encloses a single pepper seed.]

**Canola Oil:** – **Halal** (Shartan) [Canola oil is one of the oldest known vegetable oils. There are both edible and industrial forms produced from rapeseed, the seed of several cultivars of the plant family Brassicaceae.]

**Cardamom:** – **Halal** (Shartan) [Cardamom, sometimes cardamon or cardamum, is a spice made from the seeds of several plants in the genera Elettaria and Amomum in the family Zingiberaceae. Both genera are native to the Indian subcontinent and Indonesia.]

**Cinnamon:** – **Halal** (Shartan) [Cinnamon is a spice obtained from the inner bark of several tree species from the genus Cinnamomum. Cinnamon is used mainly as an aromatic condiment and flavouring additive in a wide variety of cuisines, sweet and savoury dishes, breakfast cereals, snack foods, bagels, teas, hot chocolate and traditional foods.]

**Clove Ground:** – **Halal** (Shartan) [Cloves are the aromatic flower buds of a tree in the family Myrtaceae, Syzygium aromaticum. They are native to the Maluku Islands in Indonesia, and are commonly used as a spice, flavoring, or fragrance in consumer products, such as toothpaste, soaps, or cosmetics.]

**Coriander Seed:** – **Halal** (Shartan) [What are coriander seeds? The small, creamy brown seeds of the coriander plant give dishes a warm, aromatic and slightly citrus flavour totally different to fresh coriander leaves. They are commonly used in Indian cooking as well as featuring in Asian, Middle Eastern and Mediterranean dishes.]

**Cumin Seed Ground:** – **Halal** (Shartan) [Cumin powder, or ground cumin, is the ground version of whole cumin seeds. In Hindi, it is referred to as Jeera Powder.]

**Granulated Garlic:** – **Halal** (Shartan) [Granulated garlic is dried garlic that has been coarsely ground to a sand-like consistency. It's made by drying fresh garlic cloves in an oven, then grinding the cloves into garlic granules with a spice grinder.]

Ginger: – **Halal** (Shartan) [Ginger is a flowering plant whose rhizome, ginger root or ginger, is widely used as a spice and a folk medicine. It is a herbaceous perennial which grows annual pseudostems about one meter tall, bearing narrow leaf blades.]

Yogurt, Greek: – **Halal** (Shartan) [Strained yogurt, Greek yogurt, yogurt cheese, sack yogurt, or kernal yogurt is yogurt that has been strained to remove most of its whey, resulting in a thicker consistency than normal unstrained yogurt, while still preserving the distinctive sour taste of yogurt.]

Lemon Juice: – **Halal** (Shartan) [The lemon is a species of small evergreen tree in the flowering plant family Rutaceae, native to Asia, primarily Northeast India, Northern Myanmar, or China.]

Nutmeg: – **Halal** (Shartan) [Nutmeg is the seed, or the ground spice derived from that seed, of several tree species of the genus Myristica; fragrant nutmeg or true nutmeg is a dark-leaved evergreen tree cultivated for two spices derived from its fruit: nutmeg, from its seed, and mace, from the seed covering.]

Onion Powder: – **Halal** (Shartan) [Onion powder is dehydrated, ground onion that is commonly used as a seasoning. It is a common ingredient in seasoned salt and spice mixes, such as beau monde seasoning. Some varieties are prepared using toasted onion. White, yellow and red onions may be used.]

Sea Salt: – **Halal** (Shartan) [Sea salt is salt that is produced by the evaporation of seawater and saltwater. It is used as a seasoning in foods, cooking, cosmetics and for preserving food. It is also called bay salt, solar salt, or simply salt. Like mined rock salt, production of sea salt has been dated to prehistoric times.]

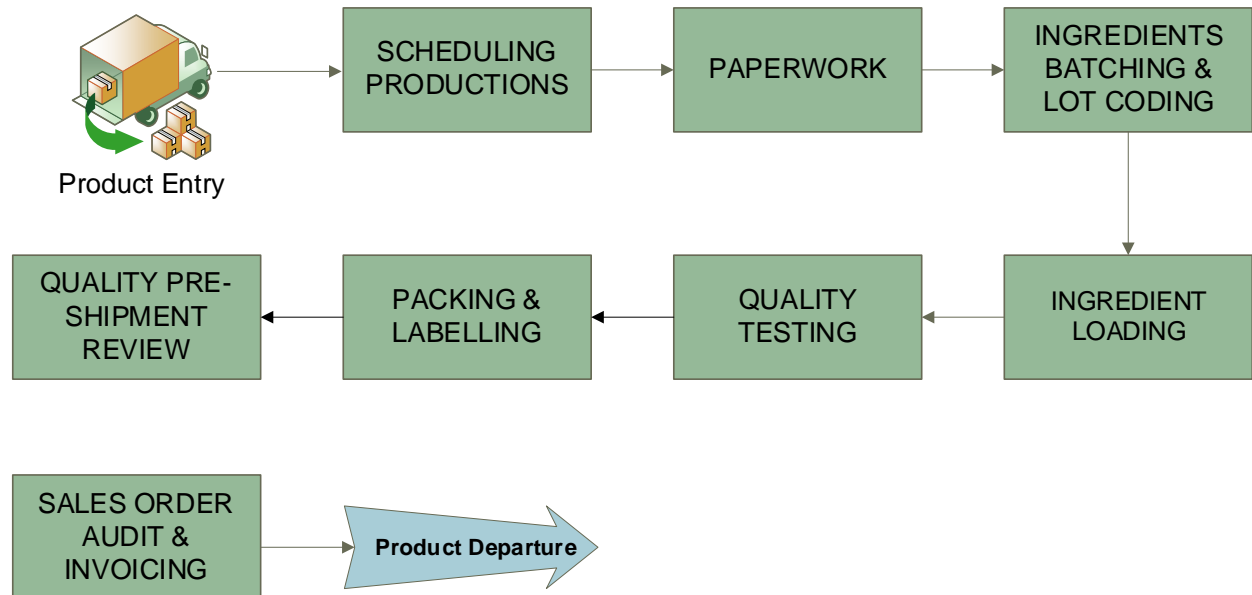
Cream Heavy: – **Halal** (Shartan) [Whipped cream is heavy cream, double cream, or other high-fat cream, that is whipped by a whisk or mixer until it is light and fluffy and holds its shape, or by the expansion of dissolved gas, forming a firm colloid. It is often sweetened, typically with white sugar, and sometimes flavored with vanilla.]

Sugar: – **Halal** (Shartan) [Sugar is the generic name for sweet-tasting, soluble carbohydrates, many of which are used in food. Simple sugars, also called monosaccharides, include glucose, fructose, and galactose]

Tomato Paste: – **Halal** (Shartan) [Tomato paste is a thick paste made by cooking tomatoes for several hours to reduce the water content, straining out the seeds and skins, and cooking the liquid again to reduce the base to a thick, rich concentrate.]

Concerns – None.

## PROCESSING OVERVIEW



## CLEANING METHOD

### Description:

1. During production, all areas will undergo visual inspections twice daily (am/pm) by a QA tech or designated employee to verify that the appropriate sanitation levels are being maintained.
2. For each area that is to undergo an operational inspection, a checklist of inspection items will be used to assist in performing the inspection activity.
3. The Operational Sanitation Inspection form will identify the general areas that will receive inspection to include, but not limited to, food contact equipment and general facility conditions, sanitation levels, and GMP's.
4. Each Operational Sanitation Inspection form will be filled out by the QA tech or designated employee and will be used to document the conditions that were found during the operational audit. If an inspected area or piece of equipment, etc. is found to be "acceptable", a "√" will be entered the appropriate column. If an area or piece of equipment, etc. is found to be "unacceptable", a 'X' will be entered in the appropriate column.
5. If an area or piece of equipment, etc. is found to be unacceptable (X), the problem will be corrected immediately and properly documented into the comments section of the Operational Log.
6. The Operational Sanitation Inspection will then be signed by the designated employee and the time the audit was performed will be documented.

All Operational Sanitation Inspection forms will be scanned the following day along with the Pre-Operational Sanitation Inspections, the Allergen Swab Data Sheets, and all daily SSOP checklists required the past day. This scanned packet will be kept on file by the Quality Assurance Department with the naming convention "DD.MM.YY Release".

Frequency: Daily.

PRODUCT & SUPPLIER ASSESSMENT

**Cargill**

Raw Material	Traceability	Concerns	Pass/Fail	Status Recommendation	Ingredient Source
Sea Salt	Yes	None	Pass	Halal Aslan	Mineral

**Elite Spices**

Raw Material	Traceability	Concerns	Pass/Fail	Status Recommendation	Ingredient Source
Cardamom	Yes	None	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant
Cinnamon	Yes	None	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant
Clove Ground	Yes	None	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant
Corriander Seed	Yes	None	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant
Cumin Seed Ground	Yes	None	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant
Ginger	Yes	None	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant
Nutmeg	Yes	None	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant
Onion Powder	Yes	None	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant
Pepper Black, 35 mesh	Yes	None	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant

**DongSheng**

Raw Material	Traceability	Concerns	Pass/Fail	Status Recommendation	Ingredient Source
Granulated Garlic	Yes	None	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant

### Kontos

Raw Material	Traceability	Concerns	Pass/Fail	Status Recommendation	Ingredient Source
Yogurt, Greek	Yes	None	Pass	Halal Aslan	Animal

### Greenwood

Raw Material	Traceability	Concerns	Pass/Fail	Status Recommendation	Ingredient Source
Lemon Juice	Yes	None	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant

### Prairie Farms

Raw Material	Traceability	Concerns	Pass/Fail	Status Recommendation	Ingredient Source
Cream Heavy	Yes	None	Pass	Halal Aslan	Animal

### United Sugars

Raw Material	Traceability	Concerns	Pass/Fail	Status Recommendation	Ingredient Source
Sugar	Yes	None	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant

### JG Boswell

Raw Material	Traceability	Concerns	Pass/Fail	Status Recommendation	Ingredient Source
Tomato Paste	Yes	None	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant

### Cantina

Raw Material	Traceability	Concerns	Pass/Fail	Status Recommendation	Ingredient Source
Oil, Canola	Yes	None	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant

## **TESTING METHOD**

The following tests are performed for the production facility: N/A.

## **DOCUMENTATION**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Results</b>
Legal Business Documents	<b>PASS</b>
Proof Of Purchase	<b>PASS</b>
Pest Control	<b>PASS</b>
Water Report	<b>PASS</b>
Traceability Plan	<b>PASS</b>
Flowchart of Processing	<b>PASS</b>
SSOP (Standard Sanitation Operating Procedure)	<b>PASS</b>
Recall Plan	<b>PASS</b>

# CONCLUSION

Client was cooperative and compliant with all relevant documentation requests. All documentation has been analysed during this review. International Food Solutions's product/s are deemed to be Halal compliant and suitable.

**Based upon this information, the review team hereby recommends Halal certification for all products mentioned in this report.**

My signature below is a testimony that the information provided herein is factual to the best of my knowledge.

## **REVIEW AGENT:**



Tameem Allie

**Technical Review Analyst**

## **APPROVED BY:**



Sh. Darweesh Muhammad

**Certification Committee  
Chair**

**Date: Wednesday, 20 September 2023**