



HALAL WATCH WORLD

THE **GOLD** STANDARD



DOCUMENT SUBMISSION REPORT

Ascott Valley Food

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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 the location it is harvested, produced, or manufactured in, even if done so by a non-Muslim, is not necessary to inspect.

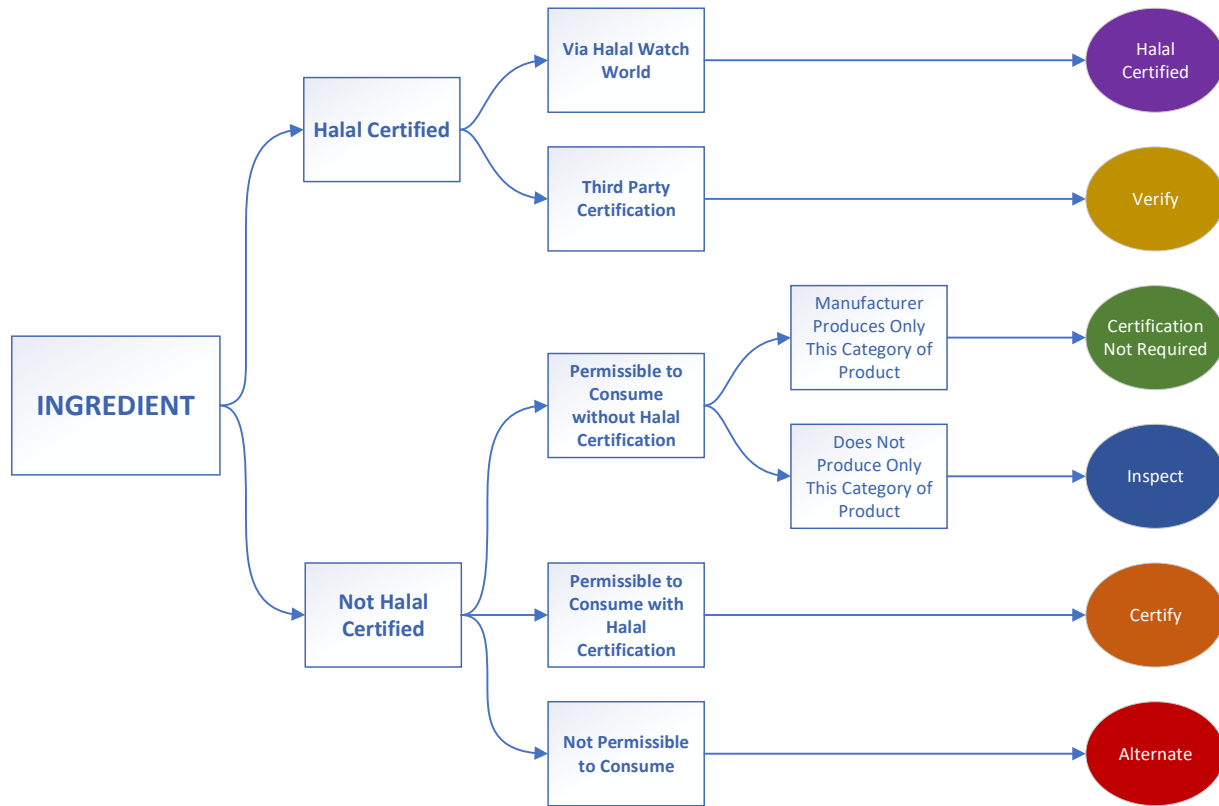
2. Is the product/ingredient Halal certified via another organization?

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. Are there any impermissible ingredients being produced in the same facility?

As is the norm in Muslim minority societies, manufacturers produce both Halal and Non-Halal products in the same facilities. If other non-Halal items are produced in the same facility, an inspection may be required. In the event that an inspection is not possible, Halal Watch World reserves the right to utilize other forms of off-site audit procedures requiring documentation and the like in order to determine the facilities halal production capabilities. It is generally required for us to determine that the manufacturer prevents the following:

1. Product Contamination
2. Cleaning Method fulfils Islamic requirements
3. Separate storage locations between Halal and non-Halal products, or preventative measures are in place to remove the possibility of mislabelling
4. Halal certified label is visible either on the box or the product
5. Halal certificate from source meat supplier is valid



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.

Client Details: Firebreak Bio

FACILITY PROFILE

Our history dates back to 1964, when JT Salem founded Bunny "B" Sauerkraut Balls & Ice Company.

In 1993 the business was purchased name changed to Or Derv's. As the sauerkraut business continued to grow, capabilities expanded to the foodservice and retail markets with the capability to co-pack and produce custom items for every market segment.

In 2015 Or Derv Foods, LLC changed the name of the business to Ascot Valley Foods, LLC to better portray the growth and capabilities of the business.

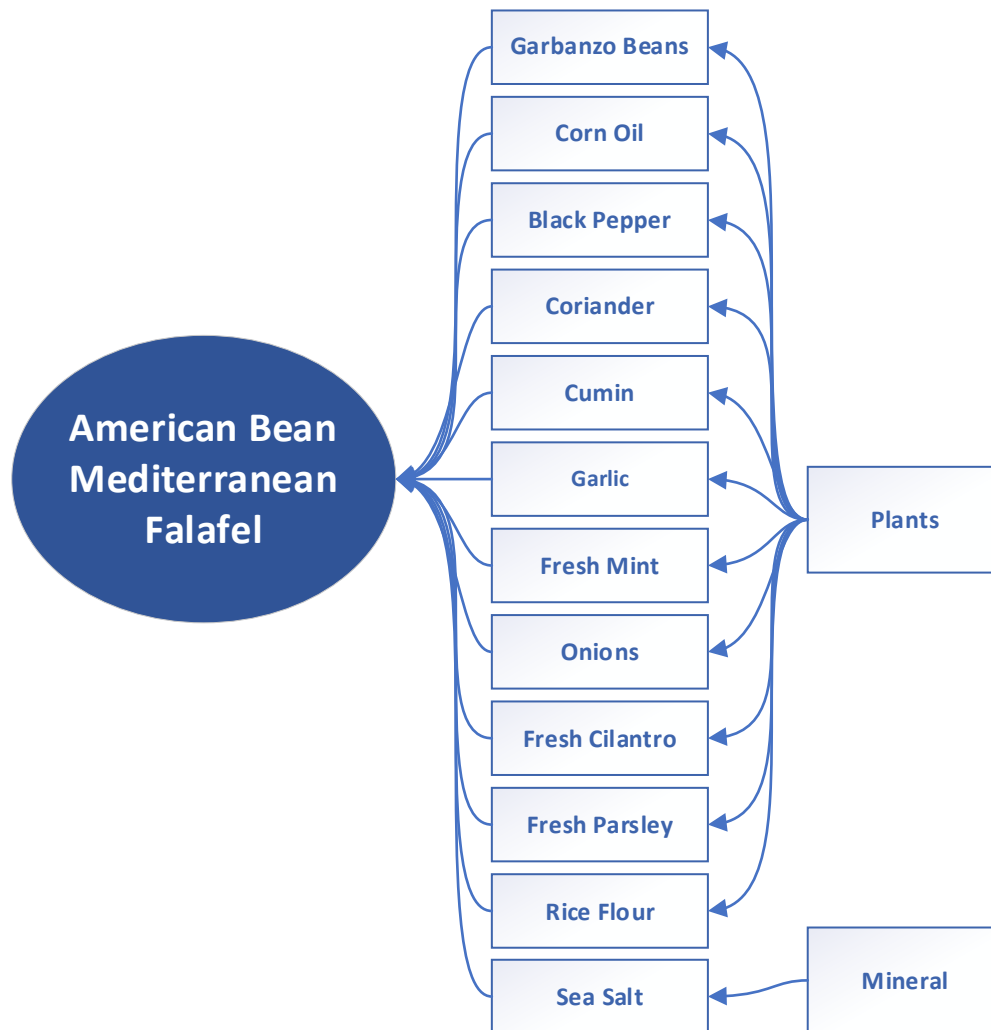
Client Details	
GENERAL INFORMATION	
Product Type:	Refined Foods
Total Number of Products:	1
Total Number of Ingredients:	13
SUPPLIER OVERVIEW	
Supplier1:	Fresh Nature
Supplier2:	Van Druenen Farms
Supplier3:	Catania
Supplier4:	Olam Spices
Supplier5:	Rivland
Supplier6:	Sirna and Sons
Supplier7:	Cargill
Supplier8:	Woodland Foods
Supplier9:	Elite Spices

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Product name	Client product #	HWW Product ID
Falafel	21020000	MR152_RM395

PRODUCT PROFILE

American Bean Mediterranean Falafel



American Bean Mediterranean Falafel (Item 21020000)

A 1 3/4" x 5/8" puck that is golden brown with flecks of herb on the exterior with a green, creamy granular interior with flecks of green herbs. The texture is slightly crispy outside with a soft, slightly granular interior. The flavor is a mix of garbanzo beans, cilantro, parsley and mint accented with garlic, cumin and coriander. The aroma is of beany fried mix of cilantro, mint, garlic and cumin.

Ingredient Status

Garbanzo beans: – **Halal** (Aslan) [The chickpea or chick pea is an annual legume of the family Fabaceae, subfamily Faboideae. Its different types are variously known as

gram or Bengal gram, garbanzo or garbanzo bean, or Egyptian pea. Chickpea seeds are high in protein.]

Corn Oil: – **Halal** (Aslan) [Corn oil is oil extracted from the germ of corn. Its main use is in cooking, where its high smoke point makes refined corn oil a valuable frying oil. It is also a key ingredient in some margarines. Corn oil is generally less expensive than most other types of vegetable oils.]

Black Pepper: – **Halal** (Aslan) [Black pepper is a flowering vine in the family Piperaceae, cultivated for its fruit, known as a peppercorn, 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.]

Coriander: – **Halal** (Aslan) [Coriander is an annual herb in the family Apiaceae. It is also known as Chinese parsley, dhanian, or cilantro. All parts of the plant are edible, but the fresh leaves and the dried seeds are the parts most traditionally used in cooking.]

Cumin: – **Halal** (Aslan) [Cumin is a flowering plant in the family Apiaceae, native to the Irano-Turanian Region. Its seeds – each one contained within a fruit, which is dried – are used in the cuisines of many cultures in both whole and ground form.]

Garlic: – **Halal** (Aslan) [Garlic is a species of bulbous flowering plant in the genus Allium. Its close relatives include the onion, shallot, leek, chive, Welsh onion and Chinese onion.]

Fresh Mint: – **Halal** (Aslan) [Mentha is a genus of plants in the family Lamiaceae. The exact distinction between species is unclear; it is estimated that 13 to 24 species exist. Hybridization occurs naturally where some species' ranges overlap. Many hybrids and cultivars are known.]

Onions: – **Halal** (Aslan) [The onion, also known as the bulb onion or common onion, is a vegetable that is the most widely cultivated species of the genus Allium. The shallot is a botanical variety of the onion which was classified as a separate species until 2010. Its close relatives include garlic, scallion, leek, and chive.]

Fresh Cilantro: – **Halal** (Aslan) [Coriander is an annual herb in the family Apiaceae. It is also known as Chinese parsley, dhanian, or cilantro. All parts of the plant are edible, but the fresh leaves and the dried seeds are the parts most traditionally used in cooking.]

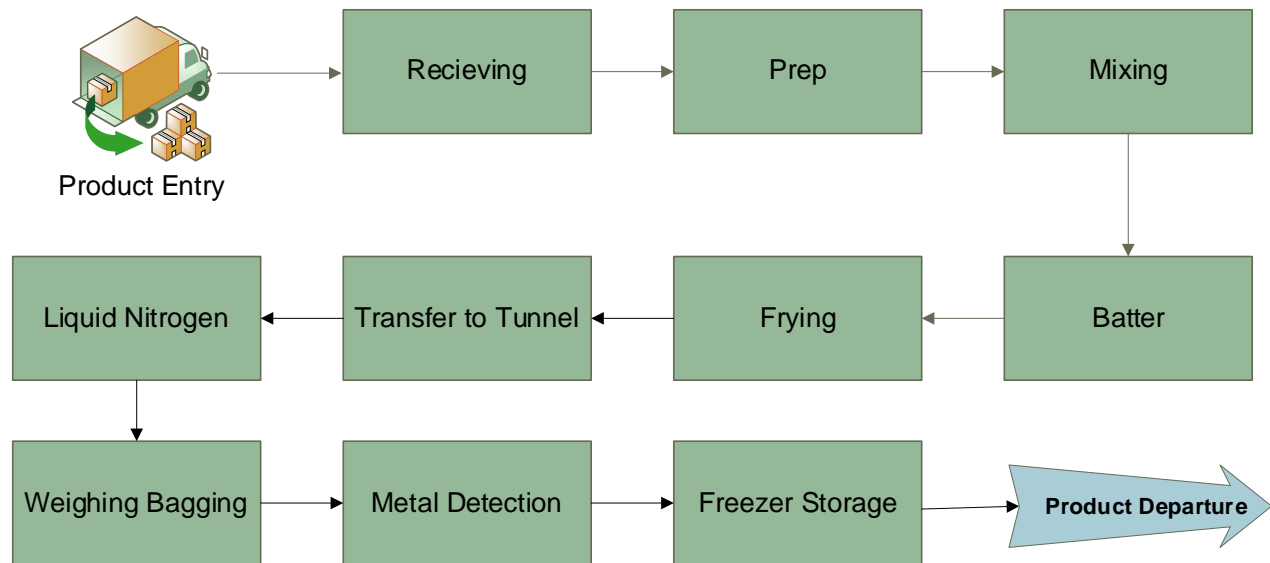
Parsley: – **Halal** (Aslan) [Parsley, or garden parsley is a species of flowering plant in the family Apiaceae that is native to the central and eastern Mediterranean region, but has been naturalized elsewhere in Europe, and is widely cultivated as a herb, and a vegetable. Parsley is widely used in European, Middle Eastern, and American cuisine.]

Rice Flour: – **Halal** (Aslan) [Rice flour is a form of flour made from finely milled rice. It is distinct from rice starch, which is usually produced by steeping rice in lye. Rice flour is a common substitute for wheat flour. It is also used as a thickening agent in recipes that are refrigerated or frozen since it inhibits liquid separation.]

Sea Salt: – **Halal** (Aslan) [Salt is a mineral composed primarily of sodium chloride, a chemical compound belonging to the larger class of salts; salt in the form of a natural crystalline mineral is known as rock salt or halite. Salt is present in vast quantities in seawater.]

Concerns – None.

PROCESSING OVERVIEW



CLEANING METHOD

Description:

Gather used utensils and place in a bin to be washed.

- Pre-Rinse the utensils with an open Sanitation Hose with Hot Water to remove all visible soil and debris from the utensils.
- Place smaller utensils in the dishwasher and run. (Utensils will be washed with bakery pan cleaner, rinsed with water, and then sanitized with 12167). Visually inspect after being ran through the dishwasher, if inspection fails, re-rinse utensils and re-run through the dishwasher until the utensils pass visual inspection.
- Larger utensils, that will not fit in the dish washer, need to have detergent applied to them and scrubbed with a green scouring pad.
- Rinse the larger utensils with an open Sanitation Hose with Hot Water.
- Visually inspect the utensils for any evidence of remaining soil. If the visual inspection fails, repeat the Pre-Rinse, Soap, Clean and Post-Rinse Steps until the equipment passes visual inspection.

- Apply FS 12167 sanitizer to the larger utensils. Allow the sanitizer to air dry.

Frequency: Daily/As Used.

PRODUCT & SUPPLIER ASSESSMENT

Sirna and Sons

Raw Material	Traceability	Statement/Certificate	Pass/Fail	Pass/Fail	Status Recommendation	Ingredient Source
Fresh Parsley	Yes	N/A	Pass	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant
Fresh Cilantro	Yes	N/A	Pass	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant
Fresh Mint	Yes	N/A	Pass	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant

Elite Spices

Raw Material	Traceability	Statement/Certificate	Pass/Fail	Pass/Fail	Status Recommendation	Ingredient Source
Cumin	Yes	N/A	Pass	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant
Coriander	Yes	N/A	Pass	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant
Black Pepper	Yes	N/A	Pass	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant

Fresh Nature

Raw Material	Traceability	Statement/Certificate	Pass/Fail	Pass/Fail	Status Recommendation	Ingredient Source
Garbanzo Beans	Yes	N/A	Pass	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant

Van Druenen Farms

Raw Material	Traceability	Statement/Certificate	Pass/Fail	Pass/Fail	Status Recommendation	Ingredient Source
IQF Onions	Yes	N/A	Pass	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant

Catania

Raw Material	Traceability	Statement/Certificate	Pass/Fail	Pass/Fail	Status Recommendation	Ingredient Source
Corn Oil	Yes	N/A	Pass	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant

Olam Spices

Raw Material	Traceability	Statement/Certificate	Pass/Fail	Pass/Fail	Status Recommendation	Ingredient Source
Dehydrated onions	Yes	N/A	Pass	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant

Rivland

Raw Material	Traceability	Statement/Certificate	Pass/Fail	Pass/Fail	Status Recommendation	Ingredient Source
Rice Flour	Yes	N/A	Pass	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant

Cargill

Raw Material	Traceability	Statement/Certificate	Pass/Fail	Pass/Fail	Status Recommendation	Ingredient Source
Sea Salt	Yes	N/A	Pass	Pass	Halal Aslan	Mineral

Woodland Foods

Raw Material	Traceability	Statement/Certificate	Pass/Fail	Pass/Fail	Status Recommendation	Ingredient Source
Garlic	Yes	N/A	Pass	Pass	Halal Aslan	Plant

TESTING METHOD

The following tests are performed for the production facility: None.

DOCUMENTATION

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

CONCLUSION

Client was cooperative and compliant with all relevant documentation requests. All documentation has been analysed during this review. Firebreak Bio'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.

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**Certification Committee
Chair**

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