

## ESTÁNDAR GLOBAL DE CERTIFICACIÓN HALAL, S.L.

# DECLARATION OF IMPARTIALITY AND INDEPENDENCE

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The General Directorate of the Halal Global Certification Standard, hereinafter EGCH, S.L., with N.I.F.: B-14865737, on its own behalf and as the owner of all its subsidiaries in Europe and Mexico.

#### STATES THAT:

**EGCH, SL**, is a certification entity of Halal products and services set up with the sole purpose of certifying products and services based on the requirements of the Reglamento de Uso de la Marca de Garantía Halal de la Junta Islámica, the standars GSO 2055 -1, OIC.SMIIC -1 and/or other HALAL standards

Likewise, it has implemented a Conformity Assessment System in accordance with the UNE EN ISO 17065 norms that regulates the operation of the product certification bodies, and the standards GSO 2055-2, OIC.SMIIC-2, which regulate the operation of the Halal certification entities within the framework of the Cooperation Council of the Arab States of the Gulf, United Arab Emirates and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

EGCH, SL, is an independent private entity of third parties, having as sole commitment, with the entity JUNTA ISLAMICA, the correct custody of the use of the Halal concept, as well as the application of the Marca de Garantía Halal de la Junta Islámica, hereinafter MGHJI, with the commitment to develop its work as an Halal Certification entity with an international scope, in accordance with the technical-religious principles stipulated by the Holy Quran, the Sunnah of the prophet Muhammad (SWS) and the jurisprudence of the mains Islamics Legal Schools, guaranteeing everything At the moment, the most important legal, ethical and religious principles such as impartiality, independence, integrity, confidentiality and technical capacity in the development of their work and decision making for halal certification.

**EGCH, S.L.** is responsible for the impartiality of its certification activities and has established the resources, necessary preventive measures, and where applicable corrective actions have the appropriate means to monitor and ensure that commercial, financial or other pressures compromise their impartiality.

**EGCH, S.L.** does not market or offer its activities in such a way that they are considered linked to any organization that provides consultancy

#### EGCH, S.L. It is not:

- a) Designer, manufacturer, installer, distributor or responsible for the maintenance of products certified by the entity;
- b) Designer, implementer, operator or responsible for the maintenance of the services certified by the entity;
- c) It does not offer or provide consultancy to its clients;
- d) It does not offer or provide management systems consultancy or internal audit to its clients, when the certification scheme requires the evaluation of the client's management system.

**EGCH, S.L.**, has promoted the formation of an Impartiality Committee as a mechanism to safeguard impartiality, taking into account the geographical scope. These committee are formed by groups of representatives from different sectors of society interested in certifying products and / or services with clear, objective, impartial and transparent rules.

The Impartiality Committee meets annually, in order to know and ratify both the policy established and the analysis elaborated, as well as the measures adopted to preserve the impartiality of its activities. The Directorate General of EGCH, S.L. will study the recommendations issued by the Impartiality Committee, which may undertake independent actions informing the authorities or interested parties.

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EGCH, S.L. has identified, analyzed and documented the possible causes of conflicts of interest that may arise through its activity to ensure objectivity in all its actions. The analysis is carried out periodically, at least once a year and always before the incorporation of a new activity, in order to identify and study possible changing situations. This identification includes all companies and organizations related to EGCH, S.L. and those that may be related through senior management, personnel, shared resources, financial situation or daily activity that complements the certification.

To guarantee the impartiality of its certification activities, compliance with said principles the General Directorate of **EGCH**, **S.L.** has established the necessary resources, the necessary preventive measures, and, where applicable, the corresponding corrective actions, in order to guarantee compliance with the basic principles mentioned above.

In general, all personnel of EGCH, S.L., prior to the start of any contractual relationship with the entity, undertakes to safeguard the independence of EGCH, S.L. by signing the document EGCH S.L. EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT, through which it commits to:

- a) Comply with the rules defined by the certification body, including those related to confidentiality and independence of commercial interests.
- b) Declare any previous or current association on your part, part of an organization with other certification entities, for the evaluation to which it is going to be designated.
- c) Reveal any situation that they know that they can present to the staff, or to the certification body, a conflict of interests.
- d) Comply with the Data Protection Law (Organic Law 15/1999 of December 13 on the protection of personal data).
- e) Maintain the confidentiality, independence, impartiality and integrity that the position or the service derives.

Additionally, the following additional measures are established:

In general, neither the personnel hired nor the related personnel of EGCH, S.L. may participate in the certification process of an organization if:

- a) Has or has had a working relationship as consultants or employees of the same in the last two years.
- b) Has relatives in the first or second degree occupying managerial positions in said organization or any commercial or other interest in the organization to certify that it poses an unacceptable threat to impartiality.

In particular, neither the management staff of EGCH, SL, or of its subsidiaries abroad, nor the personnel of the process of review and decision making of the company's certification belong or have belonged in a period exceeding 2 years to any legal entity that offers the product/service certified or offers or provides consulting, also committing to everything specified in the WORKER AGREEMENT AGREEMENT EGCH, by signing

In witness whereof, I sign this statement:

In Córdoba on December 05, of 2023

Signed: Muhammad Abdelhakim Escudero Uribe