



Formation of HMC

In the previous issues we have discussed the problems found in the Halal meat and poultry industry. (See previous issues on our website: www.halalmc.org)

It was these problems coming to light to a group of concerned individuals primarily based in Leicester which led to the inception of the Halal Monitoring Committee.

The concern in their minds was very clear, **'with a population of over 1.5 million Muslims in the UK, majority of whom are very particular about purchasing and consuming only Halal, how can we have no effective system to ensure consumers know the genuineness of the Halal label? How can we as a community be so apathetic to such an important facet of Islam? How can an industry in the pursuit of quick money cheat so many people trying to observe a religious obligation?'**

This concern was not new as many Muslims had raised the issue in the past, but it was through Allah's grace that these individuals were granted the ability and nobility to tackle the issue on behalf of the Muslim community in the UK. With advice and guidance from leading scholars it was very clear from the outset that this was not a small responsibility and this was not an easy industry to work with. After all, when individuals are prepared to hand over

Halal certificates without even making an inspection of the place being certified, why would someone running a business open themselves up to the type of thorough checks and scrutiny undertaken by HMC.

Support was sought from all sections of the community and a committee was formed to run the Halal Monitoring Committee.

The committee having become aware of the problems within the industry decided to create a criteria for Halal. After consultations, meetings and recourse to scholars and fatwa's, Halal criteria was agreed. Bearing in mind the declining confidence within the Muslim community HMC decided to employ a criterion which is strict but at the same time it would help to remove any doubt in the genuineness of the Halal label and assist consumers in making an informed choice when choosing to buy Halal.

Then having seen first hand the weaknesses and flaws of other certification systems, HMC thought out and planned a system which would cover the process all the way from slaughter to the product being sold to consumers. Again this is quite labour intensive having inspectors and monitors at all stages but the aim is to instil confidence within the Muslim community when choosing to buy Halal.

The whole HMC system and process is clearly set out in this issue to enable our readers to understand the organisation and structure of the Halal Monitoring Committee.

We at HMC understand we have shouldered the enormous responsibility of discharging an obligatory duty on behalf of you, the community at large.

We welcome any comments and suggestions to improve the way we discharge this responsibility.

We also ask for your support through duas. Help HMC to Help You!

How sure are you that your donner is halal?

There are still many thousands of Muslims, especially amongst the youth who eat out regularly from takeaways without a second thought, because the sign on the window says "halal". But how "halal" is your burger or donner kebab. HMC recently unearthed evidence that in one food processing plant manufacturing donner kebab, they were adding pork to the mix. When questioned, the Muslim owner retorted flippantly "it's only a small percentage..." HMC will only publish factual information.

Editorial

Respected Brothers and Sisters,
Assalamu `Alaykum W. W

Welcome to the 10th issue of the HMC newsletter.

By the grace of the Almighty, the HMC monitoring system is ongoing and expanding in various areas. Many activities have taken place since the last publication and they continue. As a result, the fruits of HMC's efforts are slowly been seen and the aim of establishing such an organisation is Insha Allah being met i.e. cleaning up the Halal meat market in an era of excessive deceit and false labelling, by constant monitoring and inspections at all levels, implementing the stringent Islamic criteria to ensure the Islamic regulations are adhered to and providing assurance for genuine Halal products. - All praise is due to Allah alone.

Nevertheless, we pray to Almighty Allah, that he also accepts the sacrifices of all those involved in constructing HMC in any means; whether they're inspectors, monitors, managers, administrators, volunteers, donors, supporters, well-wishers, affiliated businesses proprietors or merely consumers of certified products.

It is worth mentioning here that being able to fulfil a task and the task being accepted by Allah are two separate goals. Many times, success is gained in fulfilling the task, however, that do not guarantee that the task has been accepted in Allah's court. We pray to Almighty Allah to accept this effort from all of us and make it a means of our salvation.

I would also like to remind one and all that the struggle has not ended. In fact, the achievements are not even equal to a drop in the ocean. It is just a tip of the iceberg. The corrupt practices continue and we discover more and more ill practices as we delve in to it deeper. A recent statistic shows that 16 million chickens are mechanically slaughtered (killed) in UK per week destined for the Halal market! This means; slaughtered without a Muslim slaughter man, with no mention of the name of Allah, and stunned, making it Haram. This is just one of the many problematic issues in the industry, as outlined in the previous issues. We request all to help HMC in fulfilling the obligation on behalf of the Muslims through these difficult and testing times by whatever way possible and particularly with your pious sincere dua.

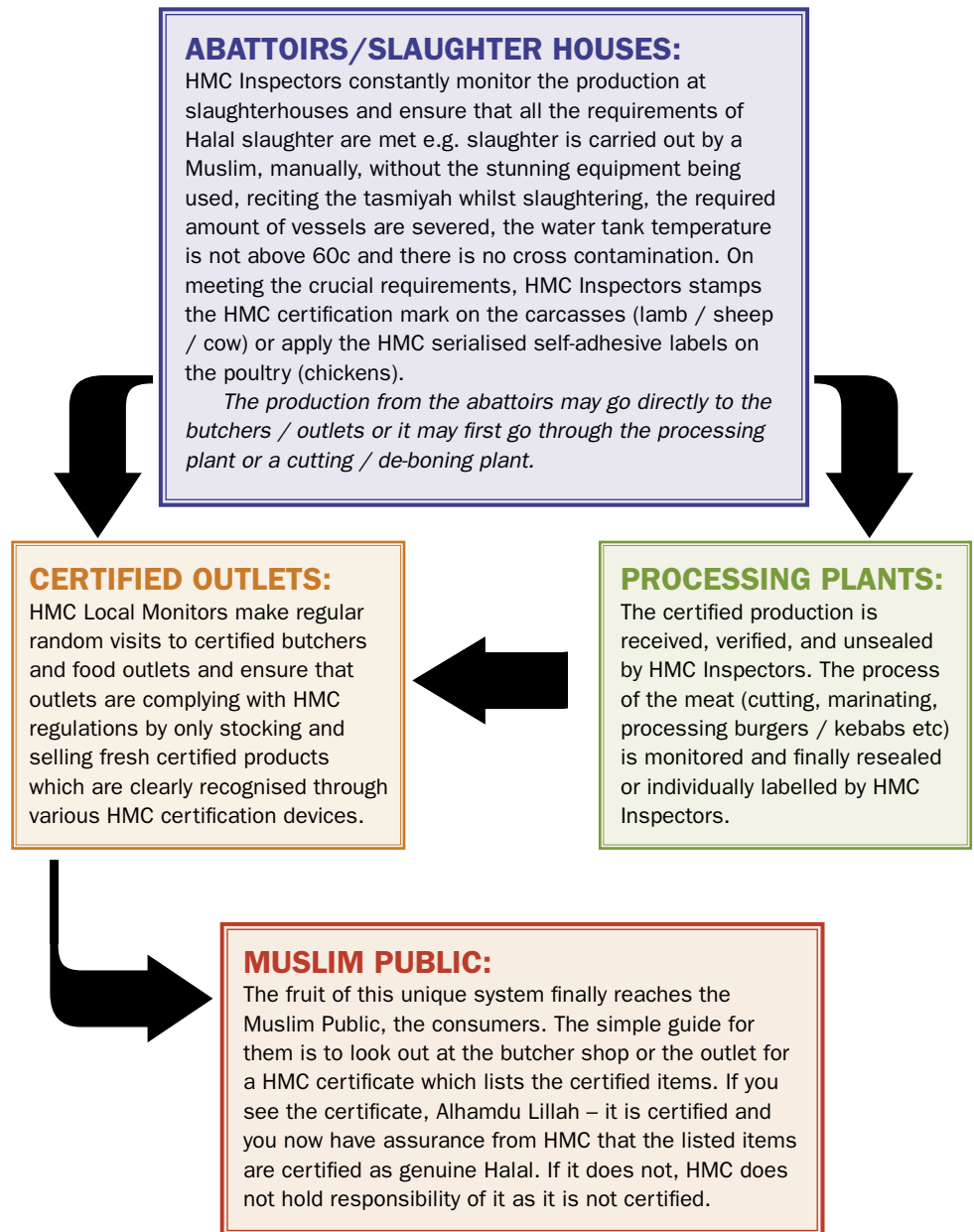
Once again, Jazakallah for all your support and please feel free to contact us for any concerns or help.

Editor

HMC MONITORING SYSTEM

The Halal Monitoring Committee realises the complications of the meat trade and thus have devised a three part inspection plan that covers the entire meat route; from the source (abattoirs/slaughterhouses), the middle-men (processors and distributors) and finally the retailers (butchers and food outlets).

The procedure adopted by HMC, involves inspection of poultry and meat from the source to the point of being slaughtered through to its packaging and up to the point of delivery. HMC labelling & certification is there to assist you in making the Halal choice. This is how it works:





Butter Roasted Chicken

INGREDIENTS:

A whole chicken (you can use leg and thighs or breast pieces too) – 3-4 lbs, Ginger paste - 1 1/2 tsp, Garlic paste - 1 1/2 tsp, Plain Yoghurt - 1 1/2 tsp, Curry powder a mixture of coriander, cumin and clove) - 1 tsp, Onion - 1, Salt to taste, Whole Nutmeg - grounded - 1 tsp, Raisin - 12, Almonds - 5, Butter/Butter-oil/Ghee - 250-350 gms.

METHOD

Preparation: Clean the whole chicken (around 3-4 lbs) with lot of water and let it dry. Put the chicken in an aluminum tray and add 1 1/2 tsp of plain yoghurt, 3/4 tsp of salt, 1 1/2 tsp of ginger paste, 1/2 tsp of garlic paste, 1 tsp of curry powder, and wet grounded nutmeg. Mix the chicken really well with the ingredients and let it sauté for 3-4 hours.

While you are waiting for the chicken to sauté, take one onion (250 grams) and put it in the blender to grind it.

Chop the whole almonds (5 whole almonds) into little slices and soak the raisins (12) in water.

Process: Heat a non stick pan and add butter/butter-oil/ghee (250-350 grams). Add the grounded onion and the sautéed chicken in the pan. Now cover up the pan and start cooking it in low heat. Every 5 mins turn the chicken clockwise. The chicken and the onion both should be well cooked which takes around 2-3 hours. Add the raisins and cook for another 5 mins. Now the chicken and the onion both should turn golden. Finally, use the almonds to garnish the chicken after its done. .

With this buttery yummy chicken you can serve plain/fried rice or bread. If you are worried about too much calories, you can eat the chicken with lot of greens as well. Happy eating...

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Food Corner

Petit Gems baby food, is the Halal choice for your baby.

Babies require essential nutrients such as iron and protein to aid their growth and development and a genuinely Halal baby food is certainly a pre-requisite for many Muslim mothers in this ever changing world.

Realising that most meat-based, i.e. iron and protein rich baby foods up till now are not certified Halal, Coventry based GEM Foods recently introduced a much awaited HMC accredited baby food called Petit Gems.

With many Muslim babies having to resort to eating mainly vegetable based diet due to the lack of any high quality, tried and tested Halal baby food products on the market, this Muslim family-run company aims to provide children with the best possible start in life.



“The baby food range was created out of a personal desire to ensure babies within our family have enough iron and protein within their diets. It was clear this was also a major concern for many families who wished their children to eat Halal food,” said Dawood Ali, director at Global Enterprise Management Ltd (GEM).

He added that research conducted by Surestart also confirms, many Muslim babies in particular, suffer from a lack of nutrients with their parents struggling to find proper baby food products that contain enough iron or protein without compromising their religious beliefs.

As a result, he said, many “Muslim babies are weaned on a diet of egg custards and desserts, which could lead to children developing skin allergies such as eczema or suffering other related illnesses such as iron deficiency anaemia”.

“Having certification means you know your baby’s health and your religious preferences are taken into consideration without ever having to compromise your faith or your baby’s health,” added Dawood.

He highlighted their finding from a recent survey that 80 per cent of Muslim mothers would prefer a HMC certified Halal baby food over other brands available.

Petit Gems offer a wide range of tasty meals for babies such as Chicken & Vegetable Bake, Spring Vegetables & Lamb Tagine or Vegetable & Roast Beef. The range caters for 4-Months Plus and 7-Months Plus, and several tasting sessions, conducted by the FDA has proven Petit Gems to be superior to many other products.

For more info on Petit Gems, please log on to www.petitgems.com or email info@gem-net.co.uk

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Dixy Chicken

214 Melbourne Road
Leicester, LE2 0DT
0116 251 5544

Shararat Restaurant

52 Uppingham Road
Leicester, LE5 0QD
0116 246 1959

Al-Tazaj Bar B Q Chicken

98-100a Woodhill
Leicester, LE5 3SQ
0116 251 7070

Bar. B. Q. Base

60 Hartington Road
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0116 253 8300

Bar. B. Q. Base

53 Uppingham Road
Leicester, LE5 3TA
0116 276 8200

Delicious Corner

173/177 Green Lane Rd
Leicester, LE5 4PD
0116 276 5789

Food Corner

124a Green Lane Road
Leicester, LE5 3TJ
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Dar ul Sultan

East park road
Leicester

Rice 'N' Spice

124 London Road
Leicester, LE2 0QS
0116 285 2227

Taha Palace

1b Conduit Street
Leicester, LE2 0JN
0116 254 1110

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60 Vulcan Rd
Leicester, LE5 3EE
0116 253 0055

Ton Ton Chicken

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Leicester, LE5 4QB
0116 276 1090

Zaytoon - 'The Olive' Restaurant

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201 Mile End Road
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0207 426 0550

Bar B Q Xpress

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0208 514 6465

Chicken Shack

31 Vicarage Lane
Stratford, E15 4HG
0208 555 0080

Chicken Xpress Pizza

826 High Road
Leyton, E10 6AE
0208 558 5343

Shawarma King

72 High Road
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0208 221 1881

Chicken Xpress Pizza

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148-150 Bethnal Green
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Summam Fast Foods

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Clapton Rd, E5 8BD
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Tallahassee Fried Chicken

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East ham, E12 6SB
0208 471 4933

Bar. B. Q. Base

106 Mile End Road
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Dixy Fried Chicken

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01924 474488

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01274 484244

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Bolton BL3 3PJ
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Nottingham, Hyson Green
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Mediterranean
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Loughborough LE11 1TQ

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96 Nansen Rd
Leicester LE5 5NJ
0116 273 5280

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17 Evington Valley Rd
Leicester LE5 5LL
0116 2733010

Al-Noor Halal Meat
114 Green Lane Rd
Leicester LE5 3TJ
0116 212 3182

Bismillah Butchers
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Leicester LE2 0SF
0116 251 3976

Dayar-e-Madina
2 Sidwell St
Leicester LE5 4GQ
0116 273 1330

Gheewala
60 Stuart St
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0116 285 4476

Halal Meat Shop
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0116 253 6383

Islamia Halal Meat & Poultry
108 Earl Howe St
Leicester LE2 0DG
0116 2545919

Jame Halal Meat
299 St Saviours Rd
Leicester LE5 4HG
0116 273 7891

Kandy Halal Butchers
115 Melton Rd
Leicester LE4 6QS
0116 291 0154

Labbaik Halal
155 Evington Rd
Leicester LE2 1QJ
0116 249 0500

Madina Halal Butcher
18 Cecil Rd
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0116 253 2254

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Coventry CV6 5FY
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Taqwa Fresh Quality Halal Meat
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Green St
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48 Fieldgate St
Whitechapel E1 1ES
0207 247 9776

East End Halal Butchers
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Whitechapel E1 1HS
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Iman Halal Meat
319 Green St
Plaistow E13 9AR
0208 472 3308

Khan Halal Meat
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Plaistow E13 0QE
0208 552 7175

Golis Groceries
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Al-Tayeb Halal Meat
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0208 911 8550

Bismillah Halal Meat
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Ilford IG1 2LZ
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Noor Halal Butchers
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Ilford IG1 2RN
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0208 764 9716

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Ideal Supermarket Ltd
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0208 6969527

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Tooting SW17 7ER
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HMC GUIDE TO CERTIFIED PRODUCTS

Certificate on display, Poultry Labels, Red Meat Stamp

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- Thorough checks of every stage of processing
- Individual labelling of each product
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News / Achievements

What has been happening since the last newsletter?

NEC.

A National Executive Committee has been elected in the AGM consisting of 15 members largely made up of Ulama from around the country. The aim of having an NEC is to have a steering body that can look after the interests of HMC on a national level, and also take decisions of huge importance in an Islamic shura manner, bearing in mind why HMC was established in the first place.

School Meals.

HMC is currently undergoing negotiations with the school meal caterers in three areas to establish HMC approved meals in some schools. Vulnerable children do not have a choice in choosing what to buy and eat and what not to, they are fed! Therefore it is extremely important that efforts are made to provide genuine Halal provisions for them. However this is not possible without the support of the parents. The parents are urged to raise their voice and urge the schools, authorities and caterers to ensure that our requirements as Muslims for Halal are met.

Halal Exhibition.

Following the huge success of the Paris Halal Expo 2006 which was featured in the 9th issue, the organisers again invited HMC to exhibit at the London Halal Exhibition in November and again by the grace of the Almighty, the Exhibition was a resounding success.

New Look Website.

A new look website was launched on the 15th of Sha'ban hoping that the new layout and format will be more informative, user friendly and also easier to navigate. Please visit the site at www.halalmc.org for more information and all other updates. a special thanks to the brother who spent many hours to designing this remarkable website.

New Premises.

Expansion in the HMC services has meant a need for a proper and larger base through which we can work at European level. For this, HMC has now moved to a larger premises situated at 83 Rolleston Street, Leicester, LE5 3SD. This is a rented property and HMC has an option to purchase the building if funds are collected.

Vacancy.

The website also has a special section on available vacancies. Please visit the website for more information.

Baby Food.

HMC has recently started certification of Halal baby food. The meat and poultry used to manufacture the baby foods undergoes the strict constant HMC monitoring throughout the process from slaughter up to the packaging of jars.

New Outlets.

Since the last issue, — (amount) outlets have joined the certification system and are now certified. (see last newsletter and compare with the current list)

New Plants.

Since the last issue, — (amount) abattoirs / processors outlets have joined the certification system and their products are now certified. (ask shaykh to highlight the new ones for you)

Abroad. **???? Ask shaykh if this piece is ok to publish. If yes write a paragraph.**

Certification revoked.

Since the last issue, — (amount) outlets have had their certification revoked as the HMC regulations were violated. (those on previous newsletter but not certified now)

Outlets Monitoring Charges Standardised - £30:

In areas (town / city) where outlets are certified, the Monitors in each area are required to make inspection visits daily to ensure the outlet meets the HMC standards.

Many monitors were volunteers and some were paid for their services.

Before and up to February 07, the takeaways and restaurants were charged £50 monitoring charge monthly. The butchers were not charged (except for some London area outlets). This procedure was not standardised and was objected by many food outlets.

As the number of outlets grew and the number of areas (towns / cities) grew, amount of monitors had to grow. For reliable and efficient work, it is necessary that monitors do get paid particularly for their hours, travel expenses etc.

It was no longer affordable to pay all monitors by the administration department particularly as they grow in unpredictable numbers. (The more areas and the more outlets, the more monitors.)

After much consideration and consultation within the NEC, it was decided to standardise the outlet charging structure throughout UK for all outlets; i.e. butchers, takeaways and restaurants. A feasible and nominal amount was considered and then announced to be £30 per month (approx £1 a day).

This means a reduction in the amount for takeaways and restaurants (from £50 to £30) and new charges introduced to some butchers.

Although not sufficient, this amount will be contributed to cover the costs of local activities and the local monitors in each area. (The total income will still not meet the total local expenditure even if calculated on minimum wage).

The charge is for monitoring services. This means that certificates, publicity on the web, publicity on the newsletters, overhead administration etc still remains free of charge!