

About New York's Halal Foods Protection Act

The Halal Foods Protection Act requires certain businesses and individuals to register or file certifier information with New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

Manufacturers, producers, packers, and distributors of food that is certified as halal must register with the Department. This includes food establishments, retailers, restaurants, caterers, and food carts that sell food prepared on their premises or under their control which is represented as halal.

Additionally, individuals, companies, or organizations who certify entities as halal are required to register as certifiers.

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IF YOU ARE A CUSTOMER WHO WANTS TO...

- search for halal-certified food products;
- identify the halal certifier of a product;
- view a halal certifier's qualifications; or
- look at the halal certification filing of a food establishment or a caterer...

...visit the Halal Registry:
agriculture.ny.gov/halal.

You can search the registry for information by product name, certifier, or food establishment.

Overview of Requirements

New York's Halal Foods Protection Act of 2005 requires certain businesses and individuals to register or file with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets (the Department) as follows:

New York State manufacturers, producers, packers, and distributors of food that are certified as halal must register their company with the Department and file the name, address, and phone number of the person, (e.g. individual, corporation, partnership, association, or organization), who certifies the food as halal.

- ✓ Complete the General Information Form section.
- ✓ If the food is in packaged form, the producer or distributor must register the name, address, and phone number of the body certifying the food as halal.
- ✓ If the food is not in packaged form, the person who manufactures, processes, packs, or sells the food must register the name, address, and phone number of the body certifying the food as halal.

Certifying individuals, partnerships, associations, or organizations need to complete a separate General Information and Statement of Qualification form. Firms that utilize their own employees or personnel to certify product as halal need to have those employees complete the General Information and Statement of Qualification form sections.

- ✓ Complete the General Information Form section.
- ✓ Certifiers of non-prepackaged food must also complete the Statement of Qualifications section. This is where the certifier lists their background, training, experience, and any other information that justifies their qualifications.

Food establishments, food retailers, restaurants, caterers, and food carts that sell food prepared on their premises or under their control which is represented as halal must post a halal certification form at their business in a location readily visible by consumers, and must also file the form with the Department.

- ✓ Complete the General Information Form section.
- ✓ If you are a food establishment, caterer, or food cart, you must complete the "Certifiers" and "Non-pre-packaged Products" sections. You may also be required to complete the "Packaged Products" section if you prepare and package food.

Visit agriculture.ny.gov/halal to register online and access the required forms.

Send mailed applications to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, 10B Airline Drive, Albany, New York 12235 Attention: Halal Registration. If you have questions on how to complete the forms or wish to have them sent to you, please call the Department at (518) 457-5457.

Additional requirements

Signage: Retail stores that sell both halal and non-halal foods must have a window sign, with block letters at least four inches in height, that states "HALAL AND NON-HALAL MEAT SOLD HERE" or "HALAL AND NON-HALAL FOOD SOLD HERE."

Records: Wholesale and retail firms that purchase halal meat and poultry or food products that include meat and poultry shall retain the invoices or bill of sales for those products for a period of two years. An exemption is made for meat and poultry or food products that include meat and poultry if the manufacturer's or packer's name, address, and certifying person are listed on the package containers.

Advertisement: Any advertisement for food or food products representing the products as halal shall identify the name of the person or entity certifying the product as halal.