



Company Profile

About IFANCA

The Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America (IFANCA), is one of the world's leading halal-certification organizations. Established in 1982, this not-for-profit organization has been dedicated to the promotion of halal, and to providing information and education to halal consumers, and other seekers of halal information. IFANCA has evolved into one of the most respected, technical and professional halal-certification organizations recognized worldwide.

What does IFANCA do?

IFANCA's team of scientists and Islamic Scholars constitute the IFANCA Board of Directors. IFANCA's certification program is respected by food and pharmaceutical industry professionals worldwide. As a testament of this confidence, majority of all pharmaceutical halal certification in the United States is conducted by IFANCA.

Today, IFANCA certifies over 2200 companies across the globe, with over 23,000 products and ingredients. Ranging from food products to non-food products, IFANCA-certified products cover categories such as meat and poultry, processed foods, prepared meals, frozen food, food ingredients, pharmaceuticals, vaccines, cosmetics, skin care products, and even packaging materials.

IFANCA is known for its halal consultation and educational materials to government agencies; for developing halal MRE's for military and displaced populations; for creating halal kitchen guidelines for hospital food service, school cafeterias and correctional institutions. IFANCA also publishes and distributes information, both in print and on the internet. Publications include "*Islamic Dietary Laws and Concepts*", *Elementary Book on Halal and Haraam*, and *Industrial Halal Food Publication Manual*. IFANCA also publishes a bi-annual *Halal Consumer Magazine*, and a monthly electronic newsletter called the *Halal Digest*. Both of these resources are digitally uploaded and maintained on IFANCA's informative website, www.ifanca.org.

IFANCA organizes halal information workshops, education seminars, and discussions with Islamic Community Centers to inform Muslims about halal food and personal care products. They also conduct similar halal information workshops for industry client's employees at their production sites, to further disseminate knowledge on halal production requirements.

IFANCA's 'Crescent-M' Certification Symbol

IFANCA's Crescent-M symbol is an internationally recognized symbol for halal certification. Muslims around the world accept IFANCA's Crescent-M symbol on products, knowing that IFANCA-certified products are truly halal, and their halal certification standards are the best in their class. At the same time, food companies, food marketers, and exporters get the satisfaction that their products will not be rejected in the target countries.

IFANCA is recognized by the governmental halal-regulating bodies in Malaysia, Indonesia, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, and Singapore. These religious bodies monitor halal regulations in their nations, and they all endorse IFANCA's halal-certification program.

IFANCA's Role in the Global Halal Certification Industry

In order to promote halal, IFANCA performs a leading role as a bridge between the food industry and halal consumers. To achieve this, IFANCA has since its inception successfully sponsored 12 international halal food conferences, both in the US and in other countries. The most recent international halal food conference was held in Brussels in March 2010, and focused on the theme of establishing halal quality assurance standards. These conferences provide education and information for industry participants interested in halal certification, as well as to members of academia and representatives of the major government regulating bodies.

IFANCA has consistently promoted halal for nearly 3 decades, and is often reached out by members of the press to provide insight into national and global halal certification issues. Featured in various media such as The Wall Street Journal, Prepared Foods, Poultry Magazine, and CNN; IFANCA was also presented "Best Halal Related Service Provider" Award by Halal Journal at the World Halal Forum in 2007.

IFANCA's Corporate Social Responsibility

IFANCA gives back to the community by supporting Sabeel Food Pantry, an organization it helped to found. Some programs include an Annual Turkey Drive to deliver turkeys to deserving students and families in Chicago.

IFANCA, in collaboration with Management and Science University (MSU), Malaysia, offers educational scholarships to deserving students for research work. Projects include research and surveys on halal meals for schools and institutional catering, specifically for the Malaysian food industry.

IFANCA Key Facts

- IFANCA is headquartered in Chicago, IL and maintains offices in California and Toronto, Canada.
- IFANCA certifies halal food production in over 55 countries around the globe.
- IFANCA-certified halal products are sold in nearly every country of the world.
- IFANCA certifies halal products in all food industries.
- IFANCA provides halal certification and supervision services for meat and poultry slaughter.
- IFANCA certifies halal cosmetics, packaging materials, and chemicals.
- IFANCA Halal Certification is accepted by all Muslim countries and halal importing regions.