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**Report Highlights:**

On November 30th, 2022, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) published the updated mandatory technical regulation UAE.S. 993/2022 “Animal Slaughtering Requirements According to Islamic Rules”, and effective date December 1st, 2023. The new technical regulation, also known as “The Halal Standard” replaces the UAE.S. 993/2015 version. UAE.S 993/2022 allows for poultry stunning and contains other changes. In 2022, U.S. exports of halal beef and poultry meat products reached \$126 million, representing over 10 percent of U.S. total exports of agriculture and agricultural related products to the UAE. The official translation of the new regulation is included in this report.

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### **Animal Slaughtering Requirements according to Islamic Rules**

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**Introduction**

The Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology is the authority in charge of standardization activities in the Country pursuant to the Federal Decree-Law No. 20 of 2020 regarding Standards, and among its responsibilities is the preparation of standard classifications and Emirates technical regulations through specialized technical committees and work teams.

Under the work program of the technical committees, the Ministry has established the Technical Committee for the Specifications of Food and Agricultural Products Sector by updating the UAE Standard Specification No. GSO 993 "Animal Slaughtering Requirements according to Islamic Rules" in (Arabic and English), having perused many writings and manuals issued in this regard, as well as the governmental and international trends, practices and standards worldwide.

This document has been approved as a technical regulation for the United Arab Emirates pursuant to the Cabinet's Resolution No. (104) of 2022.

Moreover, the Gulf Technical Regulation No. (993/2015) shall be cancelled and replaced.

## Preamble

This standard has been prepared by specialized technical committees which membership is shared by all concerned authorities of the UAE, with the aim of establishing a general framework for the conditions and requirements of the animal slaughtering process in accordance with the requirements of the Halal slaughter in Islamic Law (Shari'a), for the purposes of manufacturing and producing food in production facilities designated for commercial purposes, and which provide their products for direct human consumption. With the aim of the participation of all those concerned in the application of this standard, this standard has been circulated before approval to the strategic partners within the framework of knowledge and experience exchange in order to develop solutions to the dilemmas that may face the industrial sector and the trade exchange movement alike. The application of Halal requirements in Islamic Law (Shari'a) must be carried out with the highest and best international practices followed in this field, so that there is an integration between the Sharia's texts, regulations, technical standard, as well as the established procedures in accordance with the scientific requirements and applicable updates in this field.

The responsibility of providing "Halal" products lies with all the parties concerned with this issue, whether manufacturers, Halal Certification bodies, accreditation bodies, Shari'a authorities, producers or distributors, so that they are adhered to with the utmost commitment and respect.

The discrepancy in some of the considered jurisprudential opinions has been taken into account so as to determine the appropriate technical requirements that fulfill the purpose of controlling products, services and processes related to the subject of meat and meat products. Specifically slaughtering in accordance with the provisions of Islamic Law (Shari'a) and for the commercial purposes.