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## United Arab Emirates

### Trade Policy Monitoring

## Updated List of U.S. Halal Associations Approved for the Certification of Exports to the UAE

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**Report Highlights:**

The United Arab Emirates General Secretariat of Municipalities has approved a new Halal certifier in the United States, bringing the list of approved certifiers to five. Imports of all meat and meat products destined for general consumption in the UAE must be accompanied by a Halal Certificate. The newly approved certifier is currently limited to approving shipments originating from slaughter houses and plants operating in the Chicago area. However, officials are reviewing a proposal to allow for nationwide approvals.

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The following U.S.-based Islamic organizations have been approved as Halal certifiers for exports of meat and foods containing meat and animal products to the United Arab Emirates. The UAE typically requires foreign certifiers to undergo a visit by UAE authorities and a review of certification procedures and staffing as part of the approval process. The Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America (IFANCA) was recently visited and reviewed by UAE authorities and has been approved as a certifier of products originating in the Chicago area. UAE officials are reviewing a request to approve IFANCA as a national certifier. All other certifiers are approved for nationwide Halal certification.

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