



Process for Suspending, withdrawing or reducing of the scope of certification

GSC Pakistan suspends certification in following cases:

- a. the client's certified system has persistently or seriously failed to meet certification requirements, including requirements for the effectiveness of the system,
- b. the certified client does not allow surveillance or recertification audits to be conducted at the required frequencies, or
- c. the certified client has voluntarily requested a suspension.

If the Client/certificate holder fails to maintain compliance with the requirements of management system(s), then:

- The client/certificate holder is formally informed in writing about the failure of compliance to the certification conditions and asked to detail corrective action via any suitable means. The copy of the letter is to be uploaded in the client data base.
- If the client refuses to respond to correct the failure of non-compliance to the conditions then QMR informs the client by the letter that the certificate may be suspended (Letter of suspension FMP09/02) initially for 6 months and after 6 months the client is informed that the certificate is cancelled (Letter of cancellation FMP09/03) and would the client return the certificates and cease to use and distribute any literature, stationary, etc., referencing the certificate of Certification Body mark/symbol. The copies of the letters are to be uploaded to client data base.

Under suspension, the client's Halal certification is temporarily invalid. GSC has enforceable arrangements with its clients to ensure that in case of suspension the client refrains from further promotion of its certification. GSC makes the suspended status of the certification publicly accessible through website (see 8.1.3) and shall take any other measures it deems appropriate.

Failure to resolve the issues that have resulted in the suspension in a time established by the GSC results in withdrawal or reduction of the scope of certification.

NOTE: In most cases the suspension would not exceed 6 months.



GSC reduce the client's scope of certification to exclude the parts not meeting the requirements, when the client has persistently or seriously failed to meet the certification requirements for those parts of the scope of certification. Any such reductions are in line with the requirements of the standard used for certification.

GSC have enforceable arrangements with the certified client concerning conditions of withdrawal ensuring upon notice of withdrawal of certification that the client discontinues its use of all advertising matter that contains any reference to a certified status.

Upon request by any party, the Halal CB shall correctly state the status of certification of a client as being suspended, withdrawn or reduced.