



## Test Methods for Halal Food Certification

*Preparatory Meeting*

### Minutes of Meeting

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### 1. General Notes

Following a successful GForSS/AOAC ARAB/AOAC SEA webinar on Methods of Analysis Supporting Halal Food Certification in November 2024, the group convened to discuss a potential follow-up to address needs in this area.

ARAB section in collaboration with SEA section to identify needs of both regions in the area of Methods of Analysis Supporting Halal Food Certification. This could be seen as preparatory work for standard development activities at the level of AOAC INTERNATIONAL.

- Deliverables of this work could be a Guidance document, Official Methods, Compendium of methods etc.

- First step to create a Core team with 3-4 experts from both regions. Experts should be familiar with the regulatory framework and able to translate this into what this means for a potential enforcement strategy including testing methods.
  - Core team to establish a questionnaire for potential stakeholders in the regions to collect information on current practices and needs for the future.
  - Interested parties completing the questionnaire could be the basis for a bigger working group to discuss and agree on potential next steps.
  - It was agreed that for both regions 3-4 experts will be identified and to meet as a “Core team”.
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