



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Testing;

Q- Is this testing required?

A- Starting April 1, 2017 we require all companies (domestic or international) certified by the ISWA Halal Certification Department to have all certified products tested by an ISO 17025 accredited laboratory. You must have current test results in order to renew any certifications.

Q- Is there a laboratory that you recommend?

A- Yes. Genetic ID NA Inc. They are aware of the testing requirements and will an order form and shipping instructions for your samples.

Genetic ID
504 North Fourth Street
Ste 102
Fairfield, IA 52556
Phone: 641-472-9979 Ext. 0
Email: info@genetic-id.com

Website: www.genetic-id.com

Q- Can I use my regular lab for this testing?

A- If you are currently working with an ISO 17025 accredited laboratory, please the lab name, prove of scope of accreditation, website, contact information to ISWA Halal Certification Department for verification. You must re-submit samples this year (2017) to for Porcine and Salmonella.

Q- What am I testing for?

A- Samples will be tested for the Porcine (pork) DNA and Salmonella. Other test like alcohol will be implemented in the future but we will give a notice before that is implemented.

Q- How often do I need to test?

A- To maintain your certification, you will need to send samples for testing a minimum of once per year. Test results need to be emailed to testing@ushalalcertification.com

Q- What is the cost?

A- Please contact to Genetic ID or your companies' lab for volume pricing.

Q- Who is billed for this testing?

A- Genetic ID or your companies' lab will invoice your company directly for the testing.

Q- Who needs the test results?

A- In addition to your internal company contacts, test results need to be emailed to testing@ushalacertification.com

Q- How much of sample do I need to send for testing?

A- The Genetic ID required sample size is 200 grams (0.5 lbs.) and representative of the product that is being certified.

Q- How do I prepare my samples for shipping and where do I ship my samples?

A- Important steps for sending your samples to the laboratory:

1. Prepare the order form:

- a. Call or email Genetic ID to obtain an order form.
- b. Indicate on the order form that your organization is ISWA-certified

2. Prepare the sample:

- a. If not perishable, tightly bag and place in secure container for shipping.
- b. If perishable, freeze and ship with cold packs in a foam container or moisture resistant box or mailer. Double-bag or triple-bag, to ensure that samples do not come open during shipping.

3. Labeling your physical sample with your Sample ID: Your Sample ID identifies your sample i.e. product name, lot number, production date and time, etc.

It is best to attach a paper label since we find that permanent marker easily rubs off of plastic bags and containers during shipment. Your Sample ID on your sample must match what is on the order form.

4. Ship by overnight service to: (Do not ship over the weekend since we accept deliveries M-F. Leaking and decomposing samples will not be tested).

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Call or Email to be directed to the laboratory closest to your production facility

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Before you submit your Test Results:

- 1) Verify that your lab is ISO 17025 accredited. Please submit a letter showing their scope of accreditation.
- 2) Make sure your lab is able/capable to do DNA testing for Porcine and Salmonella. If they are not able to do both, you may use our lab Genetic ID or find another lab in which is able to do so.
- 3) ISWA will need to review and approve the scope of accreditation before we record your test results.
- 4) Make sure your test result show Porcine and Salmonella, if you are submitting results separately please indicate which test result you are submitting and note that you will be submitting the other one at a later date.
- 5) Test result must be from 2017. And every year your company are certified by us (ISWA), you will need to submit test result. This is an annual requirement, not a one time submission.
- 6) ISWA does not invoice for test results, all invoices must be settled with your lab directly.
- 7) Please send all questions regarding testing to testing@ushalacertification.com email only not info@ushalacertification.com.

More information on testing can be found here: <http://ushalacertification.com/testing-requirements-for-halal-certified-products.html>

Notes:

- 1) We will accept approved ISO 17025 lab tests results.
- 2) If you have more than 20 items we may require only 5 random samples **only for non-meat item.**
- 3) All meat items must be tested.

Thank your cooperation and remember it is in your interest that these tests are done to avoid any rejects at the ports of entry country or even locally.