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## ABSTRACT

Due to rising global consumer demand, halal has emerged as one of the qualities being explored, particularly in food production in Muslim nations. Muslim consumers are very concerned about the integrity of Halal food due to the rising number of cases involving the misuse of the Halal logo and uncertain Halal food quality. There are flaws in the process of determining Halal food, according to the many reports on the problems of fraud cases and contamination in Halal products.

To maintain the authenticity of Halal products, food firms must be ready to put in place a methodical traceability system and understand how environmental elements related to the Halal industry affect the performance and supply chain integrity of Halal foods. As a result, the major goal of this study is to investigate how the halal traceability system affects the integrity of the halal supply chain for the flesh-meat industry, particularly in terms of how it helps to strengthen the integrity of the halal supply chain.



## ABSTRAK

Disebabkan peningkatan dalam permintaan oleh pengguna bagi produk Halal telah meningkat samada di negara-negara Islam atau bukan Islam. Ianya telah menyebabkan isu berkaitan Halal sering dibangkitkan. Namun begitu, kes seperti status Halal yang tidak pasti keasliannya dan penyalahgunaan logo halal telah membuatkan pengguna produk halal ragu-ragu akan status makanan Halal. Laporan juga telah dilakukan melibatkan kes penyalahgunaan serta pencemaran fizikal bagi makanan Halal telah menunjukkan terdapat kekurangan dalam pengendalian proses pengesahan makanan halal.

Oleh yang demikian, syarikat makanan haruslah bersedia bagi mengimplimentasikan sistem pengesahan yang boleh dipercayai kesahihannya bagi produk Halal dan memahami kepentingan faktor persekitaran industri Halal dalam meningkatkan prestasi dan integriti rantaian makanan Halal. Oleh itu, motif utama untuk menjalankan kajian ini adalah untuk menguji bagaimana kegunaan sistem pengesahan halal dapat digunakan dalam memastikan integriti bagi rantaian halal untuk industri daging dapat dipertingkatkan

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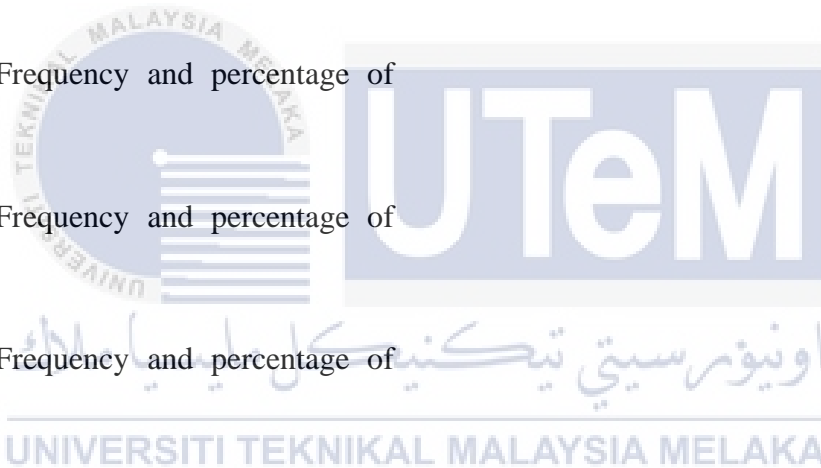
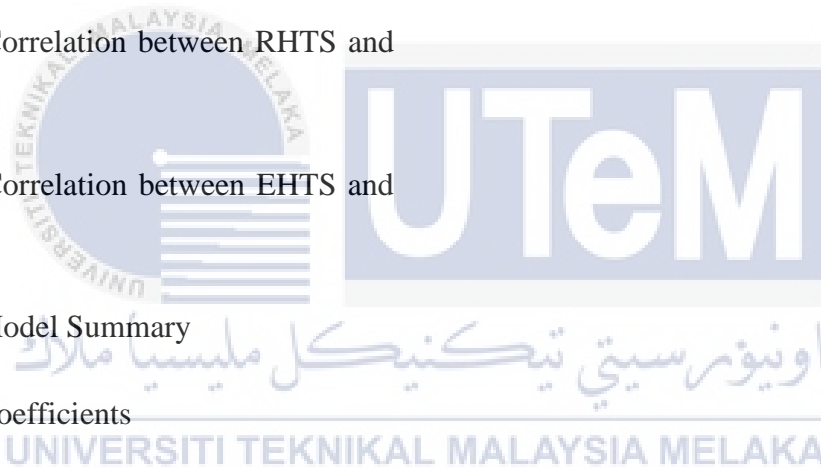


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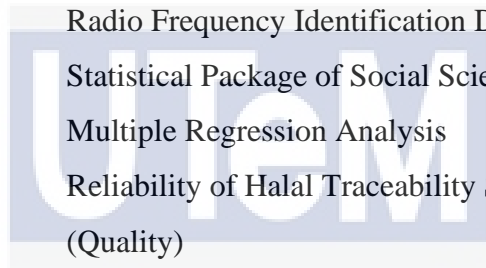
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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
MOH	The Ministry of Health
JAKIM	Jabatan Agama Islam Malaysia
LPH	Lembaga Pemeriksa Halal
GMP	Good Manufacturing Practices
GHP	Good Hygiene Practices
HSCIn	Halal Supply Chain Integrity
HSC	Halal Supply Chain
ID	Identification
RFID	Radio Frequency Identification Devices
SPSS	Statistical Package of Social Science
MRA	Multiple Regression Analysis
RHTS	Reliability of Halal Traceability System (Quality)
EHTS	Effectiveness of Halal Traceability System (Security)
HSCP	Halal Supply Chain Performance for Flesh-meat Industry



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# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

The halal traceability system is important in ensuring halal supply chain management to improve its integrity, security and quality of product produce, especially for the flesh-meat industry. Because of the increase in demand for products in the industry, the consumers of halal foods, especially Muslims, have become doubtful about the authenticity of the product's status. In this chapter, I will focus on the background of the study, problem statement, research objectives and research question, the definition of terms and the significance of the study and the conceptual framework used in this study

### 1.2 BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

Human beings are liable for cleanliness and purity and taking responsibility for cleanliness can increase one's quality of life. In Islam, it is the responsibility of Muslims to follow the commands of the Quran. The Quran commands Muslims only to eat Halal (permissible) food and avoid Haram (forbidden) food. Haram is a term used which refers to something illegal, unlawful, or forbidden (Rosly, 2010).

وَكُلُوا مِمَّا رَزَقَكُمُ اللَّهُ حَلَالًا طَيِّبًا ۗ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي أَنْتُمْ بِهِ مُؤْمِنُونَ

“ Allah SWT has provided you with all good, lawful types of food. Moreover, note Allah SWT, in whom you have faith” (Al-Ma'idah-88)

Due to an increase in the number of cases of contaminated Halal food due to the mixing of Halal and non-Halal food in storage, poultry, and meat slaughtering, which do not meet the shariah requirement (Omar and Jaafar, 2011), it has contributed to the issue that is related to the integrity of halal supply chain management when processing the halal products. Physical contamination, and falsified Halal certification (Zulfakar, 2014), also has contribute to the integrity of the halal supply chain as well. For example, a report by The Ministry of Health (MOH) that the two Cadbury products which are Cadbury Dairy Milk Hazelnut and Cadbury Dairy Milk Roast Almond examined by the Ministry of Health (MOH) where both of the product found positive evidence of porcine DNA (New Straits Times, 2014), forcing the product to be removed



immediately which affecting the company's reputation negatively as well as has decreased the halal food consumer trust towards halal food producers or manufacturer.

In Malaysia, Muslims make up the majority of the population. As a result, consumer demands may eventually lead to the Halal supply chain business development. The consumer believes that the producer needs to be trustworthy to ensure that every food item is produced according to Islamic norms. In Quran, the term Halal is meant "permitted", "lawful," or "authorised," whereas Haram is referred to items that are prohibited in everyday life. Thus, everything people use or consume is classified as Halal or Haram. Therefore, it is understandable for Muslim consumers to be very cautious about what they eat or drink. Besides, the production of Halal foods is quite complicated as the producers need to have a definite knowledge regarding the whole process of the supply chain and, most importantly, the trust of consumers towards them in handling the halal products to prevent an issue such as cross-contamination or irresponsible act of worker while processing the products. Thus, to lessen the doubt regarding the use of halal labelling for the halal flesh-meat products being sold in the market, it is a must for businesses to apply the Halal traceability system when processing Halal supply chain.

The Halal concept is not confined to the manufacturing and packaging process in the Halal sectors. Still, it also needs vigilant checks across the supply chain processes until the product has reached the end-user (Zailani, 2017). In addition, the production of Halal meat is complicated as the producers of Halal meat need to be extra cautious when producing the products. Thus, to achieve the untainted Halal supply chain integrity (HSCIn), each partner in the supply chain, from the supplier to the end-user, needs to be monitored so that users can be satisfied with Halal products' authenticity. Therefore, keeping track of each supply chain partner's integrity is critical. With that being said, implementing the Halal traceability system should be addressed in light of growing customer demand for a better Halal food supply chain. It is critical to reduce contamination and ensure it does not occur during handling Halal food in a Shariah-compliant manner.

### 1.3 PROBLEM STATEMENT

There is a multiple study done on this topic where it's focusing on the concern of consumers regarding the transparency of Halal food for chicken and meat. Muslim consumers are mainly concerned with the cleanliness and hygienic handling of products, the storage of products, the transportation of products and the distribution of the products (Yudi, Ika and Ahmed, 2022). In a Muslim-majority country, Halal certification is critical in allowing consumers to choose a certain brand. Thus, if the producer's integrity for Halal products cannot be trusted, it will affect the whole trust of consumers towards the halal logo on the product.

Transparency entails exchanging information among many entities along with the supply chain network (Morgan., 2018). Recently, the issue regarding the integrity of Halal flesh-meat product producers has been circulating in Malaysia. Specifically, Muslims in Malaysia have been worried about whether the meat or chicken sold in the market is Halal or not. As news posted in the New Straits Times, with the title "Not impossible, says JAKIM of smuggling of non-halal meat," stated that an irresponsible organisation changed the packaging of non-halal meat to halal labelling meat when entering the warehouse. Thus, the issue has increased consumer trust toward the flesh-meat producers' integrity in Halal flesh-meat products ( New Straits Times., 2020). Scepticism among Muslim customers was sparked by false and questionable Halal Symbols, causing some to question the integrity of the halal logo and whether they follow the halal compliance or not (Rajendran and Kamarulzaman, 2019). The use of the Halal supply chain plays an important role in ensuring the Halal products being produced and distributed to the end-user follow the shariah compliance. Therefore, keeping track of each supply chain partner's integrity is necessary (Norasekin and Jamil, 2019) by using Halal traceability system which are believed to be reliable to improve halal supply chain performance.

The Halal Supply Chain is different from the conventional supply chain because the Halal supply chain will run its processes based on shariah law which is by following the Islamic way on how to process the product. Despite that, the adoption of the Halal Supply Chain was quite complicated as producers need to have a definite knowledge regarding the whole supply chain process and, most importantly, the trust of consumers

towards them in handling the halal products in the flesh-meat industry to lessen the issue such as cross-contamination where a halal product come in contact with the non-halal product where in the case of flesh-meat product, Halal meat got mistaken with non-halal meat. Due to that, only relying on the Halal supply chain are believed to not be reliable enough as the consumer still questions the integrity of the Halal supply chain. Therefore, the Halal Traceability System can be used to solve such problems. The Halal Traceability system may increase customer trust in halal food items, safety and transparency throughout the food supply chain (Nawi, 2018). Besides, with the increase of Halal food consumers, the quality and integrity of Halal products need to be increased simultaneously. Therefore, the deployment of a Halal Traceability System needs to be addressed in light of growing customer demand for a better Halal food supply chain as it is critical to reduce contamination and ensure that it does not occur during the process of handling Halal products according to the Shariah-compliant manner (Norasekin and Jamil *et al.*, 2019).

With that being said, the lack of integrity for flesh-meat product producers, which increased the customer's lack of trust, has led the customers to demand transparency of the Halal supply chain when handling the product. Therefore, to solve these issues, the Halal Transparency System is needed.

#### **1.4 RESEARCH QUESTIONS**

1. How does the reliability Halal Traceability system improve the performance of Halal supply chain management?
2. What issue caused the lack of trust in halal meat or chicken consumers and the lack of confidence in the halal status?

#### **1.5 RESEARCH OBJECTIVES**

1. To examine the reliability Halal Traceability System to improve Halal Supply Chain Management
2. To investigate the issue causing the lack of trust from consumers towards the Halal status in the flesh-meat industry.

## **1.6 SCOPE AND LIMITATION OF STUDY**

This research study is about the reliability of Halal Traceability System to improve Halal Supply Chain performance for the Flesh-meat Industry. This study examines the reliability aspect of the halal traceability system affecting the quality and security of halal supply chain performance as well as the user behaviour towards the system which affects the performance of the halal supply chain. The research is conducted on selected organizations in Ayer Keroh, Malacca, Malaysia where Halal traceability system being used in halal supply chain operation.

The limitation of the study is inaccurate data from the respondents as it is difficult to provide an accurate answer as it the respondents who lack of knowledge regarding Halal traceability system or Halal Supply Chain. The researcher only focuses on Malaysia which made the data and solution provided may not be applicable to other country. In addition, researcher also face a difficulty in term of time when conducting the study as it need to be completed in a short amount of time which is 10 months.

## **1.7 SIGNIFICANT OF STUDY**

With today's rapid growth of technology, consumers have started to be well-educated on what they eat in terms of ingredients and the actual process of producing the product. For Halal food consumers, a specific rule that producers need to follow is based on shariah law. Therefore, it is understandable for Muslim consumers to feel curious about the procedure's integrity and how the halal food producer handles the product. Recently, the concern of Muslim consumers in Malaysia has increased along with the news reported by News Straits Times in 2020, where a producer of halal meat in Malaysia has irresponsibly changed the packaging of non-halal meat to halal labelling meat when entering the warehouse. Thus, through the lack of trust in Halal meat, a Halal supply chain is the option that producers or businesses who produce Halal flesh meat can use for all procedures for processing flesh-meat, which will be based on shariah law. Despite that, only using the Halal supply chain will not ensure the transparency or integrity of each supply chain partner. Thus, adopting the Halal traceability system can increase the demand for a better process in the Halal supply chain and provide transparency in the Halal supply chain.

## 1.8 DEFINITION OF TERMS

Term	Definition
Halal	Halal is an Arabic word, whereas, in English, it means “lawful or permissible.” Halal describe what Muslims are permissible or allowed to eat or drink. On the other hand, Haram is contrary to Halal, which is also an Arabic word meaning something that is forbidden. The Holy Quran defines Halal (or Haram), represented in Shariah law.
Halal Supply chain	When the concept of Halal is used in the supply chain throughout its processes, from the raw material to the final products, it will be referred to as the Halal supply chain (Yusaini, Abdul, and Azanizawita, 2020). The concept of Halal is meant by the process of the supply chain will follow the rules of Shariah law.
Halal Traceability System	Halal Traceability System is the capacity to detect and verify all information about the product, from raw materials to the final products. Traceability technology or system can help a logistic company handle a product quickly, ensure product safety, and improve performance (Yudi, Ika and Ahmed <i>et al.</i> , 2022).
Flesh-meat industry	The Flesh-meat industry is focused on the meat of birds or any meat of animals except fish and clams that can be used as food. The Islamic method of slaughtering the flesh-meat is different as Muslims will first need to recite Shahadah, and at the time of slaughter, animals need to be alive and healthy, and all blood must be drained from the carcass (BBC News, 2014).

Table 1.0: Definition of terms

## 1.9 CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

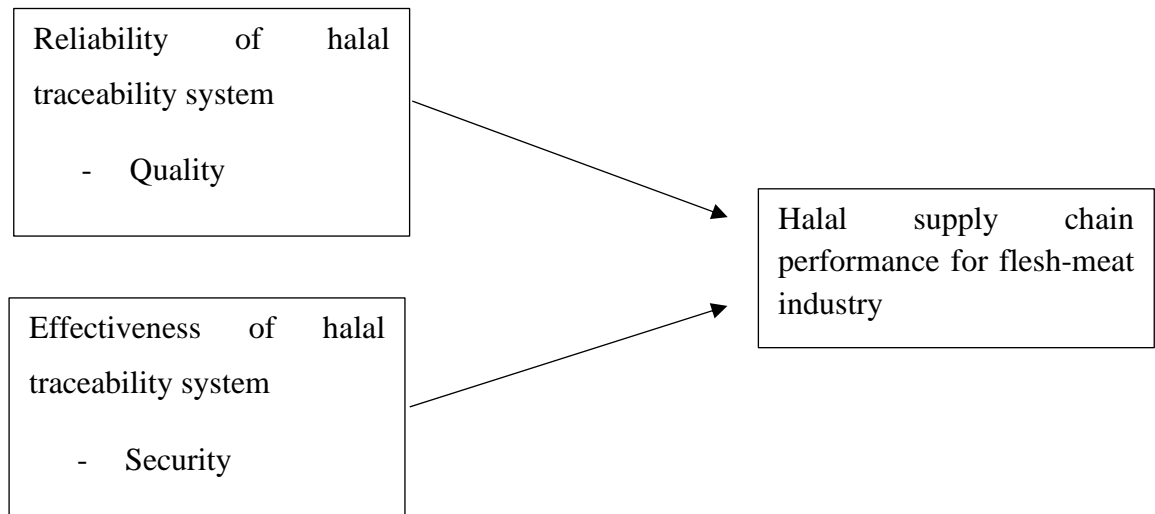


Figure 1.0: Conceptual framework

## 1.10 SUMMARY

In conclusion, the primary components of this study were described in this chapter, which included the study's background regarding the Halal supply chain, flesh-meat industry, and Halal traceability system, as well as the problem statement followed by research question and objectives, definition of terms, conceptual framework and significance of the study.

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## CHAPTER 2

### LITERATURE REVIEW

#### 2.0 INTRODUCTION

This chapter will provide an overview of previous research on the reliability of Halal traceability system affecting the Halal supply chain performance for the flesh-meat industry. The researcher will first explain the Halal concept in Malaysia. Next, the researcher will explain the Halal supply chain industry in Malaysia. After that, this research aims to determine how reliable the Halal traceability system affecting the Halal supply chain performance. To better understand that the researcher will continue this research with some methodologies to allow the outcomes from past research, such as case studies, journal articles and any other resources related to the main research objectives.

#### 2.1 HALAL CONCEPT

Halal is an Arabic word that means permissible or legal under Islamic law (Ibn Manzur, 2019). Halal, in general, refers to what is legal and allowed under Islamic law, which is based on the teaching of the Al-Quran. The concept of Halal, especially for foods, from the ingredients to the manner of preparing the Halal food, needs to be cleaned and hygienically based on the Shariah law (Islamic rule). Halal is a holistic principle in Islam that focuses on physical qualities and moral sense throughout the supply chain ( Hassan, 2013). As evidenced by the following verses from the Al-Quran:

يَأْتِيهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُلُوا مِن طَيِّبَاتِ مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لِلَّهِ إِن كُنتُمْ إِيَّاهُ تَعْبُدُونَ

*“O you who believe! We have given you plenty of good foods (toyyib) to eat and thank Allah if Him you serve.” (Al-Baqarah 2:172)*

Based on the verse, it is clear that Islam has established two important food intake criteria: Halal (permissible) and Tayyib (good quality) (Zalina,2008)

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*“Allah has given you good, lawful foods to eat. Also, remember Allah, in Whom you have faith.” (Al-Maidah 5:88)*

While for this verse emphasises that Muslims who dwell on this planet need to find *Rizk*, which is Halal and Tayyiban. But it's also stated that Muslims should eat Halal food, which is permissible for them to eat, and avoid consuming any food prohibited in Islam so that their bodies and lives aren't ruined.

Typically, Muslim countries will serve halal cuisine, but modern processed foods may require industrial ingredients, which may conflict with halal requirements. In Malaysia, the halal certification authority is known as Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia (JAKIM), and in Brunei, the country has Bahagian Kawalan Makanan Halal Jabatan Hal Ehwal Syariah. Therefore, for Muslim travellers visiting Malaysia, they will feel safe as it is easy for them to differentiate whether the foods they want to buy halal or not.

### **2.1.1 HALAL CERTIFICATION: PROFESSIONALISM IN THE HALAL INDUSTRY**

Now, it can be seen that the Halal industry has growth in both Muslim and non-Muslim countries. However, the sector has become more complex due to the industrial complexity. The Halal industry requires thorough scrutiny to ensure that the Islamic policy requirement is strictly enforced, which regular producers may not be aware of. As a result, the permitted authorities must certify the industry. This section will discuss the implementation of the halal certification policy for Malaysia.

#### **2.1.1.1 IMPLEMENTATION OF MALAYSIA'S HALAL CONCEPT**

In Malaysia, Halal refers not only to a product intended for Muslim consumption but also to the industry and market. Malaysia authorities' organisation responsible for managing the halal food business is JAKIM or the Department of Islamic Development Malaysia. Therefore, JAKIM is Malaysia's main authority responsible for issuing halal certificates. It's proved by the Trade Description Act of 2011, which aimed to reduce the number of fraudulent halal certificates issued to zero (Bernama, 2018). The Trade Description Act of 2011 was created to revoke the Trade Description Act of 1972, which limited the issuance of halal certificates to JAKIM and the State Islamic Religious Department. Anyone might grant a certificate