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# **A Guide to the Requirements and Conditions of Production and Handling of Kosher Foods in Abu Dhabi Emirate**

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## Introduction

Food business operators in Abu Dhabi should be adherent to the guarantee of their food products safety. building design and structure, all activities, preparation, manufacturing, processing relevant to their facilities should be comply to the relevant legislations.

Legislations issued by Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority (ADAFSA) particularly the requirements of Decree No. (6) of 2020, food hygiene throughout the food chain have identified hygiene requirements and conditions that should be maintained in the food facilities.

ADAFSA drafted this guide to clarify the requirements and conditions to license food establishment, the food establishments producing and handling kosher food should comply with the requirements of this guide.

## Objective and scope

This guide clarifies the requirements and conditions of production and handling of kosher foods in Abu Dhabi Emirate. This guide includes the requirements and conditions of establishments, the requirements of kosher foods and sale points, and the requirements of importing kosher foods. Also, this guide will assess employees to carry out inspection, and determine the complaisance of food establishments with hygiene and regulatory requirements and conditions of kosher foods.

## Related documents

All the regulations, decrees, laws, guidelines, code of practices, and any legislative documents issued by ADAFSA related to this guide is an additional source for information related to this guide, and in particular these documents:

- Law No. (7) of 2019 establishing Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority
- Law No. (2) of 2008 in respect of food within the emirate of Abu Dhabi
- Decree No. (6) of 2020 issuing the regulation of food hygiene during the stages of the food chain
- Code of practice No. (13) of 2011 on food safety & hygiene guide to catering sector
- Code of practice No. (29) of 2019 food hygiene for retail business
- Guideline No. (6) of 2019 food service design equipment

## Definitions

In this guide terms and expressions of the Law No. (7) of 2019 regarding establishing Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority, Law No. (2) of 2008 in respect of food within the emirate of Abu Dhabi, the relevant regulations shall apply, in addition to the following, unless the text indicates otherwise:

<b>The Emirate</b>	<b>The Emirate of Abu Dhabi</b>
<b>The Authority</b>	Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority
<b>Competent Authorities</b>	Relevant federal and local authorities.
<b>Establishment</b>	A person who holding a license to practice any agricultural or food activity, whether it is through a fixed, mobile, permanent, or temporary facility.
<b>Establishment license</b>	The approval issued by the concerned authority.
<b>Catering services sector</b>	Food activities specified according to the food activates list issued by the competent authority, the main activity is preparing and providing food to consumers for the direct consumption, and these include baking, pastry making activities, and food preparation in retail and wholesale sector.



<b>No-objection certificate</b>	The certificate issued by the authority for food establishments approving the practice of the activity, if establishment proves its compliance with the requirements issued by the authority.
<b>Preparation</b>	Processes that take place on food to prepare it for direct consumption and may include washing, soaking, drying, chopping, /or defrosting, mixing, and /or cooking, roasting and /or baking of ingredients and /or baking, or a mixture between none of these operations.
<b>Decree No. (6)</b>	Decree No. (6) of 2020 issuing the regulation of food hygiene during the stages of the food chain, issued by the decision of the chairman of the Board of Directors of Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority.
<b>Kosher foods</b>	Food of Jewish community produced and handled according to the Jewish religious law requirements.

## **The requirements and conditions of handling kosher foods**

### **1- The requirements and conditions of the establishments that handling kosher foods**

#### **Regulatory requirements:**

##### **To start trading kosher foods, the establishment must obtain the following documents:**

- A license issued by the department of economic development Abu Dhabi.
- No-objection certificate to practice food activity issued by Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority.
- Kosher foods certificate issued by the UAE Kosher Food Agency, or any accredited certification bodies for primary production establishments and catering, but not for sale points.

#### **The hygienic requirements and conditions:**

The food establishments handling kosher foods must comply with the following:

- The hygienic requirements conditions issued by Abu Dhabi Agriculture and Food Safety Authority as stated in the link:  
<https://www.adafsa.gov.ae/arabic/policyandlegislations/bylawsregulationsandcodesofpractice/pages/62020.aspx>
- Kosher food products which do not comply with the UAE technical regulations shall be displayed separately with the Indicative board (sign).
- For more clarification and information on hygienic requirements and how to comply with these requirements, refer to Code of practice on the requirements and conditions for licensing food establishments in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, see the link:  
<https://www.adafsa.gov.ae/arabic/policyandlegislations/guidelines/pages/26072020.aspx>

### **2- Requirements and conditions of kosher products and their sale points:**

- Compliance with food labeling requirements as stated in UAE.S No 9 “Labeling of prepackaged food stuffs”, particularly the requirements of net weight, country of origin, ingredients, storage conditions, name of manufacturer, nutritional information, cautions (if any).
- Labeling and adjoining explanatory statements shall be in Arabic and, where another language is used, it shall be alongside Arabic. All the information provided in another language shall be identical to those written in Arabic.
- The product must comply with product technical regulation, and the general technical regulations, such as:
  - Expiration dates for food products– Part 1: Mandatory expiry dates. UAE.S150-1
  - Food packages – Part 1: General requirements. UAE.S 839:1997
  - Permitted Health and Nutrition Claims Made on Food and Their Conditions of Use UAE.S 2333

- If the Arabic information is stated in a supplementary sticker, all relevant information shall be in one sticker, clear, readable. the sticker shall not hide any important information, and the sticker must be difficult to remove.
- Kosher foods certificate issued by the UAE Kosher Food Agency, or any Accredited certification bodies.
- Food product shall be labelled with Kosher logo label, issued by the UAE Kosher Food Agency or any Accredited certification bodies.
- Kosher food products which do not comply with the UAE technical regulations shall be displayed separately with the Indicative board (sign) .

**3- The requirements and conditions of imported Kosher Foods:**

- Health certificate issued by a governmental health authority in the country of origin.
- Packing list.
- Kosher foods certificate issued by the UAE Kosher Food Agency, or any Accredited certification bodies.
- Any additional certificates for specific cases, such as nutrition and health claims, like genetically modified foods, organic foods, .... etc.
- Customs declaration, or the delivery order issued by the transporter.
- Commercial license (import activity or general trading).

Abu Dhabi Agriculture & Food Safety Authority is the local authority in charge of agriculture, food safety, food security, and biosecurity in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. It aims to develop sustainable agriculture and the food sector and protect the health of animals and plants to enhance biosecurity and achieve food security. In addition, the authority is responsible for preparing plans, programs, and activities in the field of agriculture, food safety, and food security.

The authority is assigned to control and inspect the Emirate's food and agriculture establishments, farms, agricultural inputs, imported and exported food, and agricultural items or those produced in the country and circulated in the Emirate, to ensure the access of safe food to the community. It also supervises the establishment and management of emergency food reserves in cooperation with the competent authorities.

The Authority is creating partnerships and investments with investment funds, investors, and the private sector in the areas of its work, as well as issuing the needed licenses and permits to undertake any agriculture or food activity according to legislation in force.

