



The Department for International Trade (DIT) Dubai confirmed measures to support business continuity on food labelling with UAE Government.

The Department for International Trade (DIT) Dubai, has successfully lobbied with UAE Government officials to allow food items to enter all Dubai and Abu Dhabi ports without the mandatory Arabic labelling requirement and without having to date stamp production dates on mandatory items. This is valid for goods entering the UAE via Dubai and Abu Dhabi ports only and for goods to be sold within these two Emirates. The assumption is that this relaxation will go on until the Covid-19 crisis/lockdowns are behind us to support business continuity as best as possible and demonstrates the close working relationship of the DIT and the UAE in supporting the Food and Drinks sector.

There is no change to requirement of Halal certification as of now. However, the DIT is in discussion with the UAE authorities to find out if they have set any new guidelines with regard to the requirement of Halal certification and will inform stakeholders of changes, if any.