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Description:

This is a Request for Information (RFI) seeking feedback from industry suppliers of domestic food distribution programs. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is exploring the possibility of expanding kosher and halal food options for USDA Foods nutrition assistance programs. For current USDA vendors, AMS is inquiring about the products you currently provide to USDA Foods programs that have a kosher or halal certification and the non-USDA Foods kosher and halal products you sell commercially. This RFI will assist AMS in identifying product availability and vendors' capabilities to produce kosher and halal certified products.

This notice is issued for market research purposes only for interested parties to provide information. It is a Request for Information as defined in FAR 12.201(e) and does not constitute a commitment by the government, nor is it a formal solicitation or request for offers. All information gathered in response to this notice will be used solely for assessment purposes.

Additional References:

“Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurement – Domestic Programs”, dated April 5, 2023,” USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS): [MSCP-D 04.05.2023 \(usda.gov\)](#)

“Become a USDA Foods Vendor,” USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS): [Become a USDA Foods Vendor | Agricultural Marketing Service](#)

Information Requested:

USDA requests that commenters respond in detail to the items below to help inform USDA on kosher and halal product capabilities. Products that are purchased by USDA can be found at [USDA Foods Expected to be Available](#). For the purposes of this RFI, “commercial” is defined as products sold in typical consumer-sized packaging found in major retailers nationwide or products that are commonly sold to distributors for use in K-12 foodservice.

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability, examples of certifications are listed below. If more space is needed, please attach a separate word document.

1. Do you currently supply any USDA Foods products that are Kosher or Halal certified? If yes, please complete the table below.

USDA Foods Material Code	Product Description	Kosher or Halal Certification*








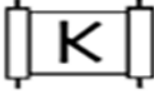

2. What commercial products (non-USDA Foods) does your company produce that are Kosher or Halal certified? If applicable, please complete the table below.

Product Description	Kosher or Halal Certification*

Responses and questions shall be emailed to the attention of **Sierra Turner, Andrea Lang, Diana Dau** at NewVendor@usda.gov . Responses are requested to be received by June 12, 2023.

*KOSHER and HALAL Certifications

Kosher

 <u>OU Kosher</u>	 <u>Triangle K</u>	 <u>Circle K</u>
 <u>SKS Kosher</u>	 <u>KOF-K Kosher</u>	 <u>COR Kosher</u>
 <u>Star K</u>	 <u>Scroll K</u>	 <u>Half-moon K (OU) Kosher</u>

Halal

 <u>Crescent-M Certification</u>
 <u>American Halal Foundation</u>
 <u>ISWA HALAL Certification Department</u>