SHARIAH CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Clients are advised to carefully read through the Shariah Certification Process (SCP) documents so that they are aware about the processes involved in shariah certification and they have a fair idea about the likely time these processes may consume.

This is important as we have come across clients who come with an understanding that once they sign-off a shariah consultancy agreement with us, they become shariah compliant. However the fact is that signing-off the agreement is just the beginning towards it.

Since our shariah scholars and audit team require reasonable time to ensure quality in shariah compliance it is important that clients start the process sufficiently in advance so that they are able to get the product certified on time.

Expertise in Shariah is essential to all Shariah-compliant solutions, and recognizing the need to manage the Shariah compliance process, TASIS has enlisted Mufti Barkatullah Abdul Kadir as its Shariah Advisor to oversee its Shariah process, from development to certification and, finally, to ongoing monitoring and supervision. To help our clients a brief on shariah certification process is given in the following paragraphs. In case of any explanation required please contact us on the given numbers.

Shariah Certification

TASIS provides certification of financial products based on the following procedure.

1. **Premise Document (PD)**

   Client willing to certify its product send us a brief "premise document" describing the objectives, proposed contracts, methodology and economic impact of the services to be developed for initial review.

2. **Initial Shariah Assessment Report (ISAR)**

   TASIS team after studying the PD prepares an Initial Shariah Assessment Report (ISAR) that identifies Shariah issues, weaknesses and strengths applying a traffic light system to the proposed product and methodology.

3. **Client Revision (CR)**

   The client takes appropriate actions making revisions and amendments to their proposal ensuring Shariah compliance through addressing the concerns raised in the ISAR.

4. **Interim Shariah Report (ISR)**

Once the document is revised by the client, it is discussed with the Shariah Scholars on TASIS Board, who scrutinize it further to ensure that the product and its methodology are completely in alignment with Shariah percepts. An Interim Shariah Report (ISR) is produced at this stage with comments from the advisors.

5. **Legal Documentation (LD)**

   Once the TASIS Board gives a green light, the clients prepare legal documentation required for product development. After the legal documentation is completed, it is submitted to the Shariah Board for final approval.

6. **Shariah Certification (Fatwa)**

   The final stage involves approval of the completed product and its structure by the Shariah Board that issues a Legal Ruling (Fatwa) on the basis of the information provided by the client.

7. **Final Product**

   The product is now ready to be introduced into the market with the necessary and complete documentation including the fatwa attesting to the compliance of the product.

Shariah Audit/Monitoring

TASIS Board undertakes the audit and monitoring of Shariah-compliant service providers to ensure continued compliance over the life of the product. The audits are conducted by specialized professionals and experts on a periodic basis.