



Q on: Halal Food and Halal Certification

What does *halal* mean?

Halal is an Arabic word meaning lawful or permitted, the opposite being *haram* which means unlawful or not permitted. Under Islamic Sharia law, a Muslim is not permitted to engage in any activity that is considered *haram* by religious doctrine, including eating certain foods.

How does *halal* work in relation to food?

Halal is about religious ritual and observance in relation to meat products. It has nothing to do with the quality of the meat, its fat content or hygiene. The rumour that *halal* means 'better' meat in Australia is a falsehood propagated by some Islamic lobby groups to distract from the purely religious/ritual background. To be *halal*, the animal must have its throat slit whilst still alive and conscious (not stunned) to ensure it 'properly' bleeds to death. Furthermore, only a Muslim slaughterman may slit the throat of the animal and he must do so whilst facing Mecca and reciting a short prayer: "*Bismillah, Allahu Akbar*" meaning "In the Name of Allah the Greatest". Thus, the animal is actually being ritually sacrificed to the Islamic god. Pork, which is believed to be impure in Islam, is strictly forbidden, along with a few other categories of meat like "land animals without external ears" and, as is observed by most cultures, carnivores.

Recently a number of Islamic organisations began offering advice on the finer details of the medieval slaughter practices. They also periodically arrange for Muslim slaughtermen and inspectors to certify slaughter and production continues to be *halal*. For this, fees are charged to the producer, and then passed on to the consumer as with any other operational expense.

Why should you be concerned about *halal* certification and *halal* food?

Buying products that are halal-certified means you are financially supporting the Islamisation of Australia, including the implementation of barbaric sharia law. More and more products in our shops are labelled 'halal-certified' and this is now a multi-million-dollar income stream for Islamic groups in Australia and overseas. There are quite a few Islamic certification 'authorities', so the labels may look a little different, but all typically carry the Arabic word *halal* in the centre.



The *halal* certification fees extracted from companies (or rather from Australian consumers) fund the many activities and initiatives of these Islamic organisations. Most of them are concerned with what Muslims call *da'wah*, which is spreading Islamic sharia law into not yet Islamised countries of the world and strengthening the Islamic community there. Bringing Islam to the world (or at least helping with the financial aspect of this propagation) is a holy duty for Muslims.

Money collected from *halal* certification may also pass to foreign Islamic religious and political groups. Some insiders claim such donations can be used to finance fundamentalist Koran schools or cover operational expenses of Islamic terrorists. In any event, these certification organisations are made up of clerics, activists and followers opposed to our Australian way of life, our freedom and democracy, the separation of church and state, gender equality and other core values and human rights of our free Western civilisation. *Halal* certification schemes are likely to be funding the Islamic *jihād*.

Islamists may claim otherwise, but they are not speaking the truth: Muslims are guided and bound by the teachings and example of Mohammed as laid out in the Koran and Hadith.

Islamic scripture permits Muslims to omit and conceal the truth -- as long as directed towards non-Muslims and in the interests of advancing Islam. This practice is called *taqiyya* or *kitman*.



Christians should be particularly concerned with *halal* slaughter because it is a sacrifice of the animal to an idol, *Allah*. *Allah* is not the God of Christians and Jews and can be best described as an Arabic pagan idol. Acts 15 and I Corinthians 8 recite the concerns Christians should have eating meat sacrificed to an idol and why *halal* meat is a serious issue for them.

As Australians we are not given a real choice. We estimate 2/3 of chicken and lamb meat and over 1/2 of the beef in Australian shops and supermarkets is already *halal*, while Muslims account for less than 3% of our population. An increasing number of fast food outlets of well-known franchises operate as 'halal-certified' or use unlabelled *halal* meat products. Since there are no mandatory labelling laws (Q Society demands clear and prominent *halal* labelling) we have unmarked *halal* food forced upon us. This is a clear case of imposing Islamic *sharia* law on the non-Muslim majority. There are now over 100 *halal* abattoirs in Australia.

Since *halal* slaughtermen must be Muslim, the Islamic community can use this requirement to rort the Australian immigration system. Some Muslims come to Australia as slaughtermen and spend minimal time in the job, keeping demand for new slaughtermen perpetual. Additionally, as the provision of *halal* meat exceeds that required for local Muslim demand and the Islamic export market, this discriminates against non-Muslims in abattoir jobs. Some abattoirs claim it is simply a matter of convenience to make all meat *halal* now, but this is exactly how Islamisation of a country works. *Sharia* law standards are imposed on everybody, and current customs and secular laws must give way.

Muslims' only issue with *halal* should be in relation to meat and meat by-products, and with avoiding alcohol in food products. However, recently many products, which by their very nature are perfectly acceptable for Muslims, are being sold as 'halal-certified'. This is akin to selling spring water with a 'heart tick' surcharge. There is no reason for this nonsense besides raising money for Islamic organisations, introducing Islamic rituals in our daily lives; and the softening up of Australians for more medieval Islamic *sharia* law forced into our community.

Finally, groups like Animals Australia and the RSPCA have serious issues with the level of cruelty that *halal* slaughter can inflict upon animals.

What You Can Do:

1) When purchasing groceries, do not choose products with a *halal* label or which are otherwise marked *halal* (e.g. look for *halal* gelatine in some milk products). Also, avoid companies that have any *halal*-certified products as the *halal* certification fees will come from their consolidated revenue. Why should we support companies assisting in imposing *sharia* law in Australia?

2) Be aware of propaganda by Muslim groups and misleading campaigns by some food companies. They may claim that *halal* is a healthier option, or just relates to food preparation, so that non-Muslims may believe *halal* to be just another dietary option like vegetarianism or a regional style of food preparation.

3.) When buying meat and cheese at the deli counter, ask whether the product comes from a *halal*-certified source. If it does, or if they claim to not know, then refuse to buy those products. If in doubt, and if you have no objection to pork, buy lean pork or cut-meat varieties containing at least some pork.

4) Remember, this is not just about meat. Anything from cheese, crackers, yoghurt, sweets, salmon and cosmetics can come with a *halal* surcharge. Be pro-active in informing friends and family about this *halal* sham and how it plays a strong part in the Islamisation of Australia.

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