

In The Name of Allah The Most Beneficent And Merciful

HALAL FOOD ALLIANCE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MUSLIM CONSUMERS

Due to changes in the modern meat industry, the processing of meat has changed. Processing (killing) is done by machines, stunning, shot on the head or gas stunning using carbon dioxide in a chamber (for chicken) where dead chickens also gets processed. There is no more processing by hand Or by Saying Name of our Creator Allah by any one even "Alhelekitaab". It is just (non-halal) forbidden to eat

ALLAH SAYS IN SURAH MAIDAH VERSE 3

ARABIC VERSE

حُرِّمَتْ عَلَيْكُمْ أَلْمَيْتَةُ وَالْدَّمُ وَلَحْمُ الْخِنزِيرِ وَمَا أَهَلَ لِغَيْرِ اللَّهِ بِهِ وَالْمُنْخَفَةُ وَالْمَوْفُودَةُ وَالْمُتَرَدِّيَةُ وَالنَّطِيحَةُ وَمَا أَكَلَ السَّبُعُ إِلَّا مَا ذَكَّيْتُمْ وَمَا ذُبِحَ عَلَى النُّصُبِ وَأَنْ تَسْتَفْسِمُوا بِالْأَزْلَمِ ذَلِكُمْ فِسْقٌ الْيَوْمَ يَئِسَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ دِينِكُمْ فَلَا تَخْشَوْهُمْ وَاخْشَوْنَ الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتَمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيْتُ لَكُمْ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا فَمَنِ اضْطُرَّ فِي مَخْمَصَةٍ غَيْرَ مُتَجَانِفٍ لِإِثْمٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ

TRANSLATION

Forbidden to you are carrion (dead meat), blood, and swine (pork); what is slaughtered in the name of any other than Allah; what is killed by strangling (suffocation), beating (stunning, shot or shock), a fall, or by being gored to death; what is partly eaten by a predator unless you slaughter it; and what is sacrificed on altars. You are also forbidden to draw lots for decisions. This is all evil. Today the disbelievers have given up all hope of 'undermining' your faith. So do not fear them; fear Me! Today I have perfected your faith for you, completed My favour upon you, and chosen Islam as your way. But whoever is compelled by extreme hunger—not intending to sin—then surely Allah is All-Forgiving, Most Merciful

The Market meat which is available is processed with out taking name of Allah, It is done by stunning, by shot, by shock or by suffocation. In the light of the above **Ayah** we can not eat it; its not permissible to eat .It's really amazing that Allah told us about animal killed by suffocation is **Haram (Al-mukhanikhatu)** 1400 year ago and now we see that chicken is suffocated using carbon dioxide gas called **CO2 stunning**.

In the case of chicken, many farms are selling as Machine cut Halal or electric stunned Halal or gas stunned halal, in machine and stunned process there are many dead birds that get processed and become a part of your food. In the light of the above ayah we can not consume these also.

WHAT IS ZABIHA HALAL?

Here are both the recommended and the required methods to qualify meat as Halal.

1. The animal should have been fed healthy and nourishing food, free from harmful substances.
2. The animal should have been treated kindly and provided with clean living conditions.
3. The animal must be alive and healthy before slaughter.
4. The person performing the slaughter must be a mentally sound Muslim.
5. The slaughter must be performed with the intention of carrying out a Halal slaughter for the sake of Allah.
6. The phrase "In the name of Allah" (Bismillah) should be said before making the cut.
7. A sharp knife should be used to make a continuous cut to the throat, ensuring a painless death.
8. Cutting the spinal cord is not allowed.
9. Killing the animal by any means other than cutting the neck with a sharp knife is not acceptable.
10. The zabiha animal must be completely dead before skinning.

WHAT QURAN SAYS ABOUT HALAL?

- "O people, eat the Halal, tayyib out of what lies in the earth, and do not follow the footsteps of Shaytān; indeed, he is an open enemy for you." (Surah al-Baqarah: 168)
- "O you who believe, eat of the tayyib We have provided to you and be grateful to Allah" (Surah al-Baqarah: 172)
- "O messengers, eat from the tayyibaat, and act righteously. Of whatever you do, I am fully aware." (Surah al-Mu'minoon: 51)
- "They ask you as to what has been made lawful for them. Say, "Madelawful for you are tayyibaat" (Surah al-Maa'idah: 4)
- "Prohibited for you are: Maytah (carrion), blood, the flesh of swine, and those upon which (a name) other than that of Allāh has been invoked (at the time of slaughter), animal killed by strangulation, or killed by a blow, or by a fall, or by goring, or that which is eaten by a beast unless you have properly slaughtered it;" (Surah al-Maa'idah:3)
- "Eat not (of meats) on which Allāh's name has not been pronounced, and surely it is a sin..." (Surah al-An'aam:121)
- "O people, eat the Halal, tayyib out of what lies in the earth, and do not follow the footsteps of Shaytān; indeed, he is an open enemy for you." (Surah al-Baqarah: 168)
- "Oh, believers save yourselves and your families from hell fire" (Surah At-Tahrim: 6)

CERTIFICATION IN HALAL MEAT INDUSTRIES

Certification has become big business, any organization according to USDA can certify the halal meat but in this current times a lot of people are certifying halal meat for their own profits, the organization who are certifying the halal meat mostly are the corrupt organization who are certifying for money, there is certification of every meat even the gas stunned chicken and machine cut chicken also have halal certificate and stunned beef and lambs still have the halal certificate so there are corrupt people who are issuing this certificate so as a Muslim consumer we should not believe in those certificate and verify ourselves before buying that meat or eating in a restaurant.

STORES SELLING HALAL MEAT WITH HALAL CERTIFICATE

A lot of stores nowadays have the halal certification, actually this halal certification does not mean anything, they are buying machine cut, they are buying stunned meats, they are buying meats from restaurant depo which is 100% either machine cut or stunned meats and some corrupt organizations are issuing them the halal certificate and they are selling it hence they are polluting the Muslim food chain, the way we have to counter is by creating awareness, Muslim consumers should ask them to make sure they bring the proper hand Zabiha non stunned halal meat and post on the doors, the certification system is all corrupt, there is no use of this halal certification system and Muslim consumers should be aware and do not trust on any certification, make sure that the meat they are consuming is hand slaughtered meat non stunned meat.

RESTAURANT WITH HALAL SIGN

A lot of restaurants nowadays nationwide have halal sign whether they are owned by the Muslim or not owned by the Muslim, basically they are obtaining halal certificate from any of these corrupt organizations who are issuing these certificates and displaying it, a lot of restaurants buy from Jetros or restaurant depos, machine cut or stunned slaughter meats and sell as halal with certificate posted. Hence, polluting the Muslim food chain with non-halal products.

HALAL MEAT STORES

Now we all have to understand that halal meat stores are the stores who are just trying to make the living by selling the meat for the sake of few extra dollars, many of the stores are buying the meat from either machine cut suppliers or sell under the name of halal or the stunned meat suppliers or the suppliers selling the stunned meat as halal meat. So, halal meat stores are in a way selling this meat to the largest Muslim population because everybody is going to halal stores to get the meat.

Now, how to approach these halal stores is to ask them to bring non-stunned hand zabiha halal meat. So, they can talk to the distributor, distributor to talk to the main producer to give them the hand zabiha halal meat. In a way these are the weakest people in the chain who are barely making the living but these are the very important people who could change the course of our supply chain.

The major polluters are the big farmers or the big producers who are getting these halal certificates from a corrupt organization or a corrupt person and polluting the Muslim food chain by selling stunned meat or machine cut meat as halal meat so that to change this course we have to create awareness to Muslim consumers and make sure the supply chain stays pure and purely halal.

Many of these biggest polluters have halal certificates from organizations. They are selling billions and our brothers are selling beer and wine in the corner stores and many non-Muslims are getting into halal meat business because they can buy any meat (machine cut or stunned meat) for dirt cheap and selling very high in the name of halal. Hence, Muslim consumers have paid very high price in the name of halal.

WHAT SHOULD I EAT?

Hand zabiha by Muslim non stunned meat.

Protecting your Iman is your responsibility. Not a business owner who says its halal for the sake of business.

COMPANIES THAT SELL NON HALAL IN THE NAME OF HALAL

- Pitman Farms or Marys farms sells gas stunned Chicken to the most of the Universities with so called Halal Certificate
- Holy farms (sells electric stunned Chicken.)
- Wayne farms (sells machine cut halal and most restaurant buy from them)
- koch foods (sells machine cut chicken)
- crescent food (sells stunned chicken)
- Medamar (various frozen meat products sold in the name of halal)
- superior farms (sells stunned lambs)
- Nuhi distributors
- Asalam distributors
- Bay foods

And many more. The list goes on . They all sell the stunned meats or machine cut meats in the name of Halal with so called Halal certificates granted by some one

NOW WHAT TO EAT?

Meats from Mayers meats, meats from Islamic meat and poultry, private farms or go do it yourself.

It is a fact in every city or town there is someone who is doing Hand Zabiha and is very easy to find.

It is your responsibility to check and make sure its Halal before you put any thing in your mouth .

You are responsible to the innocent kids and your family to provide Halal food. Meat is not a "farz" to eat . if you can not find Halal meat use vegetarian as an option .

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