

# **Re KFC and Lancashire Council of Mosques Statement . Injecting hydrolysed pork and beef proteins into chicken, Muslim concern about the authenticity of meat labelled as halal (Thanks Dr.A.Majid Katmi)**

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Muslim concern about the authenticity of meat labelled as halal, particularly in KFC products aimed at the Muslim community in Britain, has revealed that the practice of deliberately injecting hydrolysed pork and beef proteins into chicken, a practice discovered in 2001/2003 studies by the Food Standards Agency, is still continuing. Such chicken preparations are supplied mainly to catering facilities. The FSA advised consumers eating food from a restaurant or takeaway that they "should ask if the chicken contains hydrolysed animal proteins". Restaurants and catering establishments will have this information available to them as it will be on the ingredients list of the products they buy  
<http://www.warmwell.com/dirty meat2.html>

## **KFC face halal Muslim boycott threat**

By Daniel Jones, 11/04/2010

FINGS are not lickin' good for KFC in their bid to sell fried chicken to Islamic customers.

They're now being threatened with a boycott by both Muslims AND non-Muslims.

Britain's second biggest fast food chain hoped to woo the Islamic market by opening 86 trial outlets selling halal-only meat - that's from animals slaughtered under strict religious guidelines.

But KFC's target diners insist the chickens are not being killed in the right way and say they will stay away.

And furious non-Muslim customers have set up Facebook groups protesting that the trial branches, which also ban pork, have dropped their favourite bacon-topped Big Daddy burger from menus.

Groups with names such as "Against the KFC Halal Trial" and "No Halal at Colne KFC" - referring to a branch in the Lancs town - are rapidly attracting members. For meat to be halal, the animal must be alive when its throat is cut as a verse from the Koran is recited.

KFC insists their methods meet the approval of the Halal Food Society. But Islamic leaders disagree, saying the pre-stunning of animals in the chain's mechanical process means a third are already dead at the point of slaughter.

And the fact the prayer is played over a speaker means each bird is not blessed individually as it is killed.

They have now threatened to warn the UK's 2.4million Muslims not to eat KFC meat, and will meet with the fast food giant on Wednesday to question how it is killing chickens sold as halal.

Imam Yusuf Shabbir of the Lancashire Council of Mosques said: "If KFC confirms to us that it has no intention of changing the mechanical method of slaughter we will advise members of the Muslim community this."

But a KFC spokesman said: "We've worked with animal welfare organisations and the Halal Food Authority to ensure our processes fully comply.

"And wherever possible we've made sure our trial stores are near non-halal restaurants, to provide customers with a choice."

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## **KFC chickens do not fulfil LCM Halal Criteria**

Assalamu 'Alaikum

Dear Respected Brothers & Sisters

We hope this letter finds you all in the best of health and Imaan, Ameen.

Further to our letter in February regarding the KFC issue, Lancashire Council of Mosques (LCM) Halal Sub Group met with KFC representatives on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

The Sub Group had a detailed discussion about the issues of Halal products, the audit mechanism and the slaughter process adopted by KFC. **It was confirmed at the meeting that the KFC chickens are stunned and mechanically slaughtered. The Sub Group presented the LCM Halal criteria to the KFC representatives, which stipulates a condition of Halal to be slaughtered manually by a Muslim invoking the name of God. The Sub Group expressed concerns about mechanical slaughter and informed KFC that the Muslim Council of Britain (MCB), the largest umbrella organisation in the UK, supports LCM's position.**

Overall, the meeting was constructive and KFC representatives welcomed some of our feedback. Our recommendation to KFC is to consider the universal criteria of Halal to fulfil the needs of all Muslim consumers in Lancashire and beyond. We remain committed to continue this dialogue and hope we can make progress. We will communicate any update to brothers and sisters should any progress be made. **Meanwhile, the conclusion of the Sub Group is that the KFC Halal Supply Chain does not fulfil the LCM Halal criteria and therefore cannot be termed as Halal.**

If you require any further clarification please feel free to contact Moulana Yusuf on 07828 599321.

Request for Duas

Wassalamu 'Alaikum

Yours Faithfully

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