



## 195: TELLING PORKY PIES AND HOGWASH

### Description

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and abstain from the flesh of swine )pork( or Divine Injunction is sufficient basis to shun of pork is mentioned directly in four chapters any of its by-products. The total prohibition Chapter 0 viz; Chapter 2 naa'ūQ of the Noble Verse Verse ε, Chapter 6 Verse 173, including Abraham, Moses, 145 and Chapter 16 Verse 115. All the Prophets from Adam, be upon them all( reinforced the Message by Jesus and the Prophet Muhammad )peace life examples of shunning pork consumption.their

fiasco of the Spar store in North Beach, Durban A furore erupted a fortnight ago with the ICSA Halaal logo and was displayed in the Halaal selling pork boerewors which carried an reported that the store was operating without certified section of the store. It was further The immediate reaction and tumultuous outcry any Muslim supervision and oversight. the revulsion and repugnance with which Muslims that followed was understandable given regard all things pork.

queries were received by us following the We aggregated the questions. Several together with our responses below;

1. **ANY SUPERMARKET STORES, THE LIKES OF SPAR, DOES SANHA CERTIFY CHECKERS, WOOLWORTHS, MAKRO ETC. THAT STOCK AND PICK N PAY, ?KROP SELL** category in Halaal certification in terms of the hai'rah S The highest risk sale of meat products, which is intensified with the slaughter, processing and the variety of abattoirs, slaughter procedures, permutations on types of meat,

greatest obstacle in the Halaal certification of logistics and contamination factors. The presence of pork and other non-Halaal meats in the common such outlets is the presence of hazardous and accidents waiting to happen. The premises. Such situations are that have been witnessed over the years, numerous instances of contamination and vigilant shoppers, feebly explained away as highlighted by whistle-blowers **srorre or labelling namuh**. We aver that under these conditions evresās proof. but suicidal to grant Halaal certification. it is not only impossible

such supermarket outlets mentioned and any. Accordingly, SANHA does not certify other outlet that sells pork and non-Halaal meat

2. **STORES HAVE SEPARATE FRIDGES AND FREEZERS FOR SOME CHAIN HALAAL MEATS. IS IT SAFE TO PURCHASE FROM THESE? STELTUO** Apart from are a multitude of risks associated with such the principle alluded to above, there consistent daily monitoring, authorised arrangement. Even with stringent controls, and frequent impromptu audits, we aver that trained on-site Muslim supervisors is most challenging. The prominently displayed Halaal assurance in such instances fridge or freezer does not answer the crucial Halaal logo and/or certificate on the employed in managing the supply chain and questions of the processes and logistics practice is most prevalent in the Western getting the products to the sales floor. This fo Cape region and consequently many instances **srorre gnillebal** pork gnivlovni the public domain. We have called out to other have been recorded which are in from certifying such outlets and repeat the call Halaal certifying bodies to withdraw give endorsement to any outlet that stocks and here. SANHA does not certify and sells pork products.
3. **NOTICED THAT THESE SUPERMARKET STORES STOCK I HAVE HOWEVER WHICH CARRY THE SANHA LOGO AND OTHER HALAAL MANY PRODUCTS, MARKS. KINDLY CLARIFY.** market, economy businesses are free to stock. In a free poultry. This is based on customer demand which any product including meat and that demand it. Stocking Halaal products does itself is an indictment against those itself as Halaal. With specific reference to meat not automatically render the store the purchasing of meat products from such products, our Ulama strongly discourage cited above. This applies to all meat products outlets due to the various reasons of the fact that the products may have a regardless **SANHA** or any other Halaal logo. meat products exclusively from outlets which do stamp of approval. Purchase your meats and are certified by a competent and not stock pork and non-Halaal trustworthy Halaal authority.

fo A list **ĀHNAS** certified meat suppliers can be accessed on our [website](http://www.sanha.org.za)

4. **INSPECTORS TO FIND AND CHECK ON ALL T NAC WHYSANHA SEND THEIR ?TAEM OUTLETS THAT SELL PORK AND HALAALĀHNAS** certifies about 2500 a contractual agreement that requires ongoing outlets, which have entered into and maintaining the Halaal program. Our trained oversight in monitoring of thousands of kilometres annually for site inspectors/auditors traverse hundreds impractical to undertake further site visits to audits as their primary duty. It is not certified by ourselves to ferret out and thousands of outlets all over the country on their premises. As a perspective on the inspect whether they sell pork and Halaal approximately 4500 fuel service stations alone magnitude of such a task, there are government departments responsible for food in our country. Even our various and taxation with vast taxpayer resources and safety, health, trade descriptions execute the task of constantly monitoring them backed by legislation are unable to done in our 25 years of service, investigate and effectively. We continue, as we have and misrepresentation of Halaal as and when such act on fraudulent activities incidents are identified and/or reported to us.

responsibility for what he/she consumes. This Ultimately, each individual bears or delegated to just anyone not skilled in responsibility cannot be abdicated and preserving the integrity of Halaal for the upholding the amanah of protecting who does not subscribe to Islam and uphold its Ummah and more critically to one values.

WHICHEVER WAY YOU CUT IT, PORK IS HARAAM