

Q: 78 – Title: Is it permissible to eat Kosher certified food products?

Question

May Allah give the best reward to the Ask Imam team. I want to know if non-meat products such as fat, skin, or hide of non-zabihah animals (either halal or non-halal animals) are used, would its usage be permissible. Many food products and soap use non-pork animal fat and they get a certification of kosher and Muslims are using it. Also, many leather products of non-zabihah (either halal or non-halal animal) are in frequent use by many. Please give the answer describing these products.

Answer

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

As-sal?mu 'alaykum wa-rahmatullahi wa-barakatuh.

In principle, animals that are not permissible to eat (حرام) are not permissible for consumption even if they are slaughtered according to Shari' rights.

The meat of animals that are permissible to eat (حلال) but not slaughtered according to Shari' rights is not permissible to consume.

In order for Kosher Certified meat to be permissible, the slaughter must take place according to Shari rights. This includes pronouncing the name of Allah prior to each slaughter. [1] Kosher certified meat does not meet this requirement. [2] Hence Kosher certified meat products are not permissible. [3] [4] [5]

Soap made from animal fat is permissible. [6] [7]

Leather is made by tanning animal rawhide and skin. The hide is then considered pure and permissible to use. Leather made from any animal other than pig is permissible. [8]

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[2] Legal Rulings on Slaughtered Animals (Mufti Taqi Usmani translation by Mufti Abdullah Nana), Page 159-174: Maktaba-e-Darul-Uloom)

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