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Question

Some poultry abattoirs inject Brine into the chickens in the process between slaughter and packing. This reportedly serves to elongate shelf life of the chickens. But it also increases the size of the chickens as well as the weight.

Is this practice acceptable in Shariah? Kindly assist us.

Answer

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

As-salamu ‘alaykum wa-rahmatullahi wa-barakatuh.

Brine injection in poultry carcass is an industrial practice to enhance the taste, tenderize the meat and prolong the shelf life.

This practice is generally governed by Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. [\[1\]](#)

The practice of using salt as a preservative was prevalent in older times as well. [\[2\]](#)

However, since injecting brine solution increases the weight of the chicken carcass, this

