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Answer

**In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful**

**Assalamu 'alaykum wa Rahmatullahi Wabarakatuh**

In principle, Insects are not impure as they do not have flowing blood. [\[1\]](#) However, insects (or any part of it) are **impe**  
**rmissible**  
to consume due to them being from the  
'*khaba'ith*'  
(filth).

[2]

Products containing ingredients derived from insects will only be permissible for external use. Shellac is a secretion derived from a female lac bug. This secretion will be halal based on the analogy of secretion derived from the bee, i.e. honey. However, during the process of manufacturing it into a glazing agent for an edible product, there are possibilities of traces and particles of this bug to be found in the product itself.

Therefore, edible products containing shellac will be unlawful for consumption.

Previously answered by MI Rayhaan Docrat.

See link; <http://www.askimam.org/fatwa/fatwa.php?askid=68c5cc4899891b452d8867903caea0fb>

**And Allah Ta'ala Knows Best**

**Wassalamu 'alaykum**

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