Readers’ Comments on the Halal Ingredients Report

Comment No. 1   From Shameem Al-Fathima on 8 September 2007 on 5 September

Wa Alaikum Salam,

 Sorry for my late reply.. I was held up with my work.

 I went through ur halal ingredients report. Alhamdulillah it shows ur effort put in to get all the details. It was really very much elaborate and Insha Allah will be useful too.

 As u have mentioned, much of the products are for UK, some products like Cadbury's, Mars, Nestle and coke products are available here in India too. In case, if i come across any other products mentioned, will be much helpful for me to know if it is halal or not.

 Jazakallah for the report.

 Wassalam

Shameem.

Comment No. 2   From N. Mohd Ali on 5 September 2007 Assalaamu'alaikum MasyaAllah, you have done much legwork here.  Thank you for sharing  this.  As requested, feedback as follows: 1.  See if the formatting can be revised for ease of reading -- perhaps a document with numbered pages and sections. 2. The actual letters/news articles could be scanned and attached  separately under Appendix. 3.  One font and up to 2 colours could be easier on the eye. 4.  All paragraphs/columns could be kept flushed to the left. 5. The following info could be given upfront: "This HALAL INGREDIENTS REPORT is mainly of relevance to the United  Kingdom .  However, this is not to say that it will not be relevant to readers in other countries (Coca Cola, for example, is sold  universally).  Also, this report will be of value for a limited time, a number of months, for instance.  Formulae of consumer foodstuffs are  constantly changing, as manufacturers such as Walkers take care to  point out, so the purchaser should always read the ingredients or look out for the ‘V’ for approved by the Vegetarian Society sign.  Also,  there are thousands of companies manufacturing foodstuffs, so this  Report can contain details from no more than a nominal handful. If readers in other countries are interested in producing a ‘Halal  Ingredients Report of their own, then I will be happy to assist in any way possible, to compile the Report with technical accuracy, as well as making it pleasing to the eye." Hope this helps. barakAllah fik Comment No. 3   From Amliya Saeed on 3 September 2007

as salaam alaikum

am a busy person , coundnt read the previous stuff

ps send me somethin to read easily and pretty fast

wa as salaam

Comment No. 4   From Khadigah Alasry on 30 August 2007

Wa alaikum asalam Brother Umar,

Jazak Allahu khair for your report.  Unfortunately, at this time I am very busy and will not be able to give you feedback. Insha Allah I will do this in the future. MAy I pass it along though to others and cc you on the email?

w'salam,

Khadigah

Comment No. 5   From Iram Hamid on 29 August 2007

Dr Umar bhai,

Grovelling apologies for the delay in getting back to you.

I found the information very easy to understand and it will be highly effective when used as a quick reference guide, especially withe the popular lines of products that we consume in the UK. May Allah continue to shower you with the ability to share knowledge with us all.

I just wanted you to note the taweez that I have printed are blurred can you do anything for me?- and I wish to know what I need to write anything before wearing them - If you could please expand on the rules about this.

please remember me in your prayers

many thanks
jezakallah khayran

Iram

Comment No. 6   From Yusuf Mohamed on 27 August 2007 Assalamu-Alaikum.

I am truly deeply imprest with your research which made me aware of alot of things jazakallahu-khairan. But am still not very clear about 'coke'.May Allah add more knowlegde to your Eeman.

Yusuf

Comment No. 7   From Aisha Ahmed on 26 August 2007

wasalam brother

I have already given you my opinions in my last email but anyway this is what i think, it was a fantastic report about halal food, it made it clearer for me what was halal an what was haram, it has helped me alot when buting food and it has made it easier for me to enjoy chocolate with caramel in it again!! :) you are doing a great job alhumdulilla continue with the good work may Allah reward you!!!  Allah Hafiz

Comment No. 8  From Ayesha Ameer on 24 August 2007 Assalam alaikum Dr. Umar,

 Thank you for the copy of the halal ingredients reports. I have read it to the very end and I don't have any comments to make on it. I think the report is self-explanatory. I cannot comment on the company's notes either since they know the ingredients they use better than me. To be explicit, i don't know the kind of comments you want.

King regards.

Ayesha.

Comment No. 9   From Sumbool Noorin on 24 August 2007

Wa-alaykum-assalam,

In Allah’s hifz-o-aman, we all are in the best of ourselves & hope you all to be the same – Inshallah.

First of all very very sorry for not responding u since then, coz of busyness in routine life. And speaking honestly cudn’t even find time to go through the Report as whole.

 I had got Halal Ingredients Report by that date and even saved it on hard disk for studying. That is ‘A MUST’ for me and for all those muslims in India and outside, who are unknowingly consuming such products.

 I am really really thankful to you for your concern and remind me for the matter.

 Hope to get more such things from your side which will be helpful, in future also.

Keep in Duas.

Allah Hafiz.

Comment No. 10   From Uzma Nauthoo on 24 August 2007

assalmualaikum

sorry to dissapoint you but i have receive no halal ingredients report but i will be glad to receive it, and give you my opinion..

we have a halal trust here

in mauritius,i'l give you the contacts..

the office number:+230 240 0439

the email: [jamiat@intnet.mu](http://uk.f250.mail.yahoo.com/ym/Compose?To=jamiat@intnet.mu)

but i want to have your report also

jazakallah

Comment No. 11   From James Butler on 24 August 2007

Walaikum’asalam Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh Sheikh,

 All I can say is that I find your reports excellent and yes, very beneficial, I live in New Zealand, so things are quite limited regarding Halal products, so thank you so very much.

 Jazakallah,

Comment No. 12  From Shah Khan on 23 August 2007

walaikum salam

YA I DID RECEIVE A MAIL REGARDING THE PROHIBITED THINGS IN ISLAM BUT I NEED TO GO THRU THT ONCE AGAIN,I WUD REQUEST U IF U TELL ME WHT ONE MUST PREFER VEG OR NON-VEG,AND HOW EATING A VEG FOOD WE CUD STILL BE ISLAMIC,N HOW NON VEG EATING HELPS IN LIFE.

KHUDA HAFIZ

Comment No. 13   From Abbas Idris on 22 August 2007

Assalamu Alaikum;

 My dear Dr.Umar,

I am very sorry for not getting back to you before now.Honestly I found that message very educative and good for guidance in our daily living.However, most of those ingredients are not familiar to me,To be able to render my sincere and honest comment I have to start learning to know some o them.

I also refered some to experts in the field for their close study and comment.

Comment No. 14   From Yakin Khatri on 22 August 2007

Ws,

Yes I have recd ur mail.

It was really nice n useful to all the Muslims.

That's all.

Rgrds...

Yakin Khatri.

Comment No. 15  From Mariam Miller on 21 August 2007

Assalam alaikum...
I was quite pleased with you listing of halaal ingredients, however, I live in the US so many of the items I have never heard of.  Also, because you are asking my honest input, I would like to graciously tell you it could be more organized.  It was hard to read with all the different fonts and colors.  I really appreciated your efforts of sending me the list.  Jazakum Allah Khair.
Assalam alaikum

Comment No. 16   From Azura Bt Buang on 22 Augus2007

Waalaikum salam Dr,

My apologies for not replying with my opinions. Have read them and found them to be true. Have even asked my frens in Nestle Malaysia about some of the ingredients. i used to work in the Quality Assurance/Control Department in one of Nestle's factories. Interesting how much effort you put in to find out these facts. Syabas!! We need more dedicated Muslims like you.  I have to learn to be at least 10% like you.

Thank you once again.

Azura

Comment No. 17   From The Islamic Circle, Mauritius

ASSALAAMU ALAIKUM WA RAHMATULLAH WA BARAKAATUH.

We would very much appreciate if you will kindly add our name to yur mailing list for Halaal Ingredients Report.

Wassalaam.

The islamic Circle , Mauritius

Comment No. 18   From Nasir Khalik on 16 August 2007

plz send me the information about halal prodouct.also would u be able to let me know in

fragance that has alcahol are u allowed to use it.

Comment No. 19   From Jerry Giovani G. Jimenez on 7 August 2007

Salamalaikum Dr. Umar Azam,
 My name is Jerry, I would like to ask you to please send me your free listing of halal products.

Thank you in advance!

Wasalam!

Jerry Giovani G. Jimenez

Comment No. 20   From Nugroho Widiyanto on 6 August 2007

Assalamualaikum

Hallo, my name is Nugroho Widiyanto.
I am Indonesian.
I want to order The Halal Ingredient Report like posted in the mailing list.
Thank you

Wassalam

Comment No. 21   From Najah Zaeed on 2 August 2007

I think it would be easier to put things in laimans terms.  Basically have the letters at the end as a reference.  But make the first few pages for the haram products and then following it would be what is halal.  Maybe, adding the latest info about the juicy fruit gum and burger king to your list would be good to since these are eaten more on a daily basis compared to some of the items on your list.

I hope this helps.

Najah

Comment No. 22   From Jim Holland on 2 August 2007

Calf Rennet Clarification:

Rennet per se, is not impermissible.
It is permissible to eat cheese which has rennet from calf rennet though
praiseworthy to refrain from due to a slight difference of opinion viz:

Is Whey Rennet Haraam?  (no!)
[http://www.gmwa.org.uk/foodguide2/index.php?page=viewquestion&id=200](http://www.gmwa.org.uk/foodguide2/index.php?page=viewquestion&id=20)

Comment No. 23   From Jacki Campbell on 1 August 2007

Assalamu'alaykum

Please send a copy of the report to me.

May you be rewarded for your hard work, diligence, and generosity.

JAK

In peace,

Jacki

Comment No. 24   From Sobia Iqbal Waqar on 30 July 2007

Assalamu Alaikum,

Dear Brother Dr Umar

I would like receive the report. And can you also guide me which tooth paste
to use. Or I can use any which are available.

Best regards,

Sobia Iqbal Waqar

From Dr Azam to Sobia Iqbal Waqar on 30 July 2007

 Salam, Sobia,

                     I've sent you the HALAL INGREDIENTS REPORT in a seperate e-mail.  I have heard it being lawful in Islam that all soaps, toothpastes, medicines etc. are halal because these products have been processed during manufacture, plus we do not take them into our stomachs as food.  So, yes, all toothpastes would then be considered lawful.  Keep in touch with your comments, requests etc.!

                             Dr Umar

From Sobia Iqbal Waqar to Dr Azam on 31 July 2007

AoA

Thank you very much. Your information is always heplful to me.

Best regards,

Sobia Iqbal Waqar

Comment No. 25   From Aisha Ahmed on 29 July 2007

  salaam thank you for such an interesting read, it was very helpful, i now know what i can and cant eat, its good to know there are people out there who are always aware of others needs even if its in the simplest human needs such as food. thank you for arrising my awarness and others too. thank you once again!

Allah Hafiz

Comment No. 26   From Wasim Haque on 29 July 2007

 Wal ey kum as alam Dr Sahib.

Hope that you are well and things are going good for you.  Yeah, its quite a comprehensive list, i've looked through most of it and it is quite interesting to note the vegetarian products.  We have to be extra careful you see, I've seen vegetarian products containing alcohol a few years ago.  so if its okay for vegetarians, it does not necessarily mean its okay for muslims.  As you know English vegetarians drink alcohol because it is brewed from hops, barley etc, so its okay for them - but not us.

Interesting neverthless.  I'll pass it on to a few of my friends its important we eat the right stuff.

Take care and hear from you again soon.

Comment No. 27   From Mohammed Rafiq on 27 July 2007

 Dr.Azam, The report you have given us was really good.I appreciate you on behalf of all our muslim brothers and sisters and hope that you would continue doing such useful works Insha Allah in future. Comment No. 28   From Sana Ullah Javed on 27 July 2007 Jazakallah khair for sendin me the Halal ingredients report.  May Allah rewarde you for that… Assalam-o-alikum   Comment No. 29   From Yasin Cakar on 24 July 2007 Assalamu Alaikum dear brother, Brother, it was a little confusing. Not for me but im sure some most people expected a list of items telling us whether they were halal or not. Simplicity will be much appreciated. Also, can u give me some information on gelatine brother if thats possible, (or a good link). Jazak Allahu Khairan.

FROM DR AZAM TO YASIN CAKER ON 25 JULY 2007

WA LAIKUM SALAM, DEAR BROTHER YASIN

PLEASE LOOK AT THESE TWO LINKS:

Did you mean: [IS GELATIN HARAM?](http://www.google.co.uk/search?hl=en&rls=RNWE,RNWE:2006-35,RNWE:en&sa=X&oi=spell&resnum=0&ct=result&cd=1&q=IS+GELATIN+HARAM%3F&spell=1)

## [Ask-Imam.com [83] Is gelatin haram? Which types are not haram?](http://www.islam.tc/ask-imam/view.php?q=83)

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| If the gelatine is derived from any part of an animal which can be consumed according to Shariah, e.g. cow, camel, sheep, goat, etc. and slaughtered ...www.islam.tc/ask-imam/view.php?q=83 - 14k - [Cached](http://64.233.183.104/search?q=cache:OJf97ErpdGMJ:www.islam.tc/ask-imam/view.php%3Fq%3D83+IS+GELATINE+HARAM%3F&hl=en&ct=clnk&cd=1&gl=uk) - [Similar pages](http://www.google.co.uk/search?hl=en&rls=RNWE,RNWE:2006-35,RNWE:en&q=related:www.islam.tc/ask-imam/view.php%3Fq%3D83) |

## [Islam Online- News Section](http://www.islamonline.net/english/Science/2001/09/article4.shtml)

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| Dr. Mian Riaz informs us that any product containing gelatin is either haram (forbidden) or mashbuh (suspected) when the source of the gelatin has not been ...www.islamonline.net/english/ Science/2001/09/article4.shtml - 47k - [Cached](http://64.233.183.104/search?q=cache:ClF9ju3JDK8J:www.islamonline.net/english/Science/2001/09/article4.shtml+IS+GELATINE+HARAM%3F&hl=en&ct=clnk&cd=2&gl=uk) - [Similar pages](http://www.google.co.uk/search?hl=en&rls=RNWE,RNWE:2006-35,RNWE:en&q=related:www.islamonline.net/english/Science/2001/09/article4.shtml) |

GELATIN IS HARAM DEFINITELY IN NON-MUSLIM COUNTRIES.

DR UMAR

  Comment No. 30   From Khadigah Alasry on 24 July 2007   A salamu alaikum,

Half of the email (the right side) is not legible because it is beyond the window's perimeter and there is no option to scroll. You may want to resend the email.

Jazak Allahu khair

 From Dr Azam to Khadigah Alasry c. 26 July 2007

Wa laikum salam, Khadigah.  I hope this copy of the HALAL INGREDIENTS REPORT will fit your computer screen! From Khadigah Alasry on 28 July 2007   Jazak Allahu alf khair. It fits my computer screen very well. I'll be sure to pass it on, insha Allah.

Comment No. 31   From Mohamed Rashid Cassam on 25 July 2007

DEAREST DR.UMAR AZAM,
AS SALLAM WALLAIKUM WA RHAMATULLAHI WA BARAKATUHU TO YOU.
PLEASE DO SEND ME THE COMPLETE HALAL LIST OF PRODUCTS AS I WOULD LIKE TO SEND IT TO MY SON WHO LIVES IN THE USA.
ALSO PLEASE DO SEND ME THE PARABLES IN THE HOLE QURAN AS I HAVE NOT RECEIVED IT.
MANY THANKS,
BEST REGARDS AND MA SALLAM.
MOHAMED RASHID CASSAM.

Comment No. 32   From Mohammed Amin Yasin on 24 July 2007   Assalam alaikum, of course I would like a copy if you could send it via

email or an e-book format that would help, have you consulted scholars

  regarding the consensus about halaal/haraam food/drinks, also I have read that if people eat haraam food/drinks their prayers or any virtous deed for

the next 60 days is not acceptable to Allah, is that eating intentionally or

non-intentionally or doesn't it make a difference!!?? I havent read parables

of the quran!! If you could tell me more about the book I will try to read

it!! I also would like to ask if you are a qualified dream interpreter and

if I related some dreams if you could interpret them for me!!? or let me

  know of someone suitable, I watch Khawaboon Ki Tabeer on DM Digital, M.A

Awaan is quite good, do you know of other dream interpreters becuase I am

from Bradford!!.   Comment No. 33   From Mrs Asmak Ali on 25 July 2007

Asslam Ualaikum Dr. Umar,

Kindly send us the Hala food list via email. I would like to send it out on our mailing lists.

Jazakalllah,

Mrs.Ali

Comment No. 34   From Mubashir Inayet on 23 July 2007

So is this the burning question of the day for Muslims?

We need an Islam that works based more on practical deeds. We need an Islam that is unified, free of extremism, aware of corruption and exploitation, favouritsm, poverty, sectarianism. We need Muslims that can get on with their life by harnessing forces of nature for the benefit of mankind through technological research. We need an Islam that could free muslims of individuals seeking refuge in European countries and then while living there and enjoying freedoms they never had, conspiring to blow up people.

Those are the issues of the day. Infatuation with minor rituals shows our intellectual bankruptcy. Allah tells us in the Qur'an that the Jews got deeply involved with minor details in their way of doing things, which was termned as "punishment" for them.

The Muslims are not suffering because of being non-obersvant of rituals; they are suffering because of an intellectual paralysis.

Find ways and seek ways to get out of that gutter. If rituals alone was the secret to success, the Muslims would have been on top as they are the only ones who observe them.

Comment No. 35   From Hassaan S. Zahid on 23 July 2007

Jazaka’allah for all your efforts to increase Islamic knowledge, may Allah reward you, I have visited your site repeatedly and it has proved very informative, unfortunately the internet connections from Zimbabwe are extremely slow and unreliable so I may not be able to participate in some of your requests.
I really appreciate your efforts and applaud your enthusiasm Insha’Allah Allah will help you in your Endeavour’s.
The Halal product list would be helpful in purchasing decision making, if the ummah use’s their accumulated buying power we can pressure the manufacturers to produce more Halal products and services to increase availability.

Please forward me the list if readily available and Insha’Allah I will make the effort to distribute it to the Muslim community in Harare.

Comment No. 36   From Nasiru Nasidi on 23 July 2007

Assalamu Alaika,

I highly commend you for the works you are doing for Islam and Muslims. May Allah (S.W.T.) reward you accordingly.

I'll please want to have a copy of the Halal Products List you compiled and i shall Insha Allah forward it to as many people as possible and also request them to do the samething so as to have a very wide circulation.

Regards.

Nasiru.

Comment No. 37   From Kubang Ulu on 23 July 2007

Assalamuaalaikum w.b.r.t.h

I would like to have a copy of the halal ingredients that you have, actually in our country coke, nestles & etc is most demand product but I as a muslim I would to know it is halal or not but to get the status of halal of this product so difficult, so I am glad and happy when somebody  as you can get all the info.

Thank you to you Dr.

 Kubang Ulu

Comment No. 38   From Sumbool Noorin on 23 July 2007

Assalamalaykum !!!!

Its very nice to know that such list has been prepared by someone.

I would like to  get a copy of that list in my inbox.

Thanks.

Khuda Hafiz.

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   DELHI - INDIA

Comment No. 39   From Abbas Idriss on 23 July 2007

ASSALAMU ALAIKUM;

THE FORWARDED MESSAGE WAS A REPORT COMPILED BY A BROTHER DR UMAR FROM MANCHASTER UK.

THIS WILL HELP US GREATLY IN OUR DAILY LIFE AS [MUSLIMS.IT](http://muslims.it/) WILL BENEFIT OUR BROS AND SIS MORE WHO LIVE WHERE THESE PRODUCTS ARE MOSTLY AVAILABLE.

SHOULD YOU REQUIRE MORE EXPLANATION, PLEASE CONTACT DR UMAR THROUGH HIS EMAIL ADDRESS ON THE ATTACHED MAIL.

HOWEVER, WE SHOULD INCLUDE HIM IN OUR PRAYERS FOR ALLAH TO GIVE US MORE OF HIM IN OUR SOCIETY WHO ARE CONCERN WITH THE TYPE OF LIVES MUSLIMS DEPEND ON.

MAY ALLAH CONTINUE TO BLESS US WITH THE TYPE OF DR UMAR.MAY HE HAVE THE STRENGHT AND THE WISDOM TO DO MORE OF THAT IN HIS LIFE TIME WHICH WILL BE A SADAQATUL JARIYYA FOR HIM; AMIN!

I HOPE YOU WILL FIND THE LISTS USEFUL FOR YOUR GUIDE.

ABBAS G.IDRISS

NICON INSURANCE PLC;

KADUNA-NIGERIA

Comment No. 40   From Mohammed on 22 July 2007

Assalamualaikum Dr Umar Azam

Alhamdullillah. I think this was a great initiative that you undertook. May Allah reward you for your efforts.I would very much like to be one of those receiving your report on the halal products by the world famous companies.

 Wa'salaam

 Mohammed

Comment No. 41   From Mohammed Mir Mahbubul Bari on 22 July 2007

Dr. Umar

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatillah

I am realy appriciate for your such steps to aware the muslim world about  halal & haram.

So I request you to please send me a report. May Allah protect all of us from "Saitan" and

give us the final reward after death ( alam-e-barjakh)

Best regards

Mir Mahbubul Bari

Comment No. 42   From Maryam Jon on 21 July 2007

Asalam alaikum brother...

Hope ur doing good...we are doing great alhamdullallah

well it is very nice to know about the food that we're eating ....the report was great i learnt alot....lol

i need to know about the meat that we muslim's eat well i don't eat any kind of meat from outside like(mc donald's,bruger king.etc)and i buy the meat and ckicken from a islamic store ...but my mother say that buying meat from a non islamic store is also halal....

what is really  halal and haram

 salam

maryam

FROM DR AZAM TO MARYAM JON ON 21 JULY 2007

WA LAIKUM SALAM, SISTER MARYAM,

        YOU ARE CORRECT AND YOUR MOTHER IS WRONG!  ANY MEAT ON WHICH THE NAME OF ALLAH MOST HIGH IS NOT INVOKED IS HARAM!  BUT WE CAN BUY & EAT MEAT FROM JEWISH STORES BECAUSE JEWS INVOKE THE NAME OF GOD ON THE MEAT THEY SLAUGHTER AND, LIKE MUSLIMS, THEY DO NOT EAT THE MEAT OF A PIG.

         I HOPE MY HALAL INGREDIENTS REPORT HAS MADE YOU AWARE OF THE NEED TO CHECK INGREDIENTS OF E.G. SWEETS, CAKES & CHOCOLATES TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS NO GELATINE OR OTHER HARAM SUBSTANCES IN THEM, & THAT THEY ARE SUITABLE FOR VEGETARIANS; IF THEY ARE, THEY WILL ALSO BE SUITABLE FOR MUSLIMS!

   MAY ALLAH BLESS YOU!

                  DR UMAR

Comment No. 43   From Aisha Ritchie Khan on 20 July 2007

Salam,

    i found the report very helpfull alot of the things on there i thought were haram but now i can enjoy them again. Although i did feel masterfoods didn't give a good reply as i am still unaware if the products on the shelf contain animal renant and if they do from when will they be free from this.

    thank you and kind regards may Allah reward you for your efforts Amen Aishah

FROM DR AZAM TO AISHA RITCHIE KHAN ON 20 JULY 2007

Salam, Aisha

I still have to write to Masterfoods directly & will let you have their list once it arrives.  Thanks for your valuable comment.

Dr Umar

Comment No. 44   From Aisha Ritchie Khan on 28 June 2007

Salam please could you send me a copy of the report it will help save my nieces and nephews from sin Jazak Allah in advance regards Aishah