

Here are some frequently asked questions and their answers:

Q. Can Muslims eat the fries at McDonald's?

A. In Canada, McDonald's fries are cooked in a mixture of cottonseed oil and beef fat. The fries themselves also contain a blend of partially hydrogenated cottonseed oil and beef fat. Since the beef fat is from animals that have not been slaughtered according to Islamic Law, the fries should not be consumed by Muslims.

Q. Isn't whey a milk product? Why do you ask people to avoid it?

A. Yes, whey is a dairy product. However, in the production of whey, rennet is used to curdle the milk. Whey should be avoided because the rennet used to curd the milk could be from a Haram or non-Zabihah animal. If it is known for sure that the rennet is from a non-animal source or a Halal, Zabihah animal, then there is no problem in consuming it.

Q. Can we eat fish burgers from Burger King, McDonalds or Harvey's (in Canada)?

A. In Canada, the fish burgers at Burger King and Harvey's should be avoided because the oil in which the fish is cooked could be contaminated with non-Zabihah meat. To the best of our knowledge, the fish burgers at McDonald's may be consumed, but without the cheese (order without cheese).

Q. I have been trying to find a list of Halal food products sold in Canada. Could you please tell me where to obtain such a list?

A. We have not compiled a list of Halal products in Canada because the market is ever-changing and manufacturers are always changing the ingredients in their products. That is why, when required, we go on a product to product basis. We are not aware of any such list for Canada.

Q. Is Kosher gelatin Halal or not?

A. Gelatin is considered Kosher by many Jews regardless of its source of origin. For Muslims, if gelatin is prepared from swine or from a non-Zabihah animal, it is Haram. For this reason, Kosher gelatin should be avoided.

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