

# Qurbani protocol 1442/2021

## For abattoirs and butchers

This protocol is for abattoirs and butchers who intend to offer Qurbani this year. It was initiated by the AHDB Qurbani Stakeholder Group and endorsed by the AHDB Halal Stakeholder Group and wider stakeholders below. The date for Qurbani is expected to be Tuesday 20 July or Wednesday 21 July (subject to moonsighting).

Who is responsible at each stage of the process?

### Stage 1. ANIMALS – Abattoir responsibility

**Quality:** Select quality animals that the Ummah will be proud to offer for the Most Merciful.

**Lamb:** The volume of 6 month+ lamb available is questionable. Consumers will be advised to preference sheep over lamb as 6 month+ lamb cannot be guaranteed. Where lamb is bought, it MUST, at the very least, be from a trustworthy source, accompanied by a producer declaration attesting the 6 month+ age criteria, and be at least 40 kg liveweight (or 17 kg carcass deadweight).

### Stage 2. ORDERING – Butcher responsibility

**Day of Qurbani:** Consumers must be given the option of selecting their Qurbani day.

### Stage 3. TIMING – Abattoir responsibility

**Start time:** The earliest time an abattoir can start Qurbani slaughter is sunrise plus 30 minutes at their location. The exact time for any location can be found here: [moonsighting.com/pray.php](https://moonsighting.com/pray.php)

**Qurbani carcass label:** Time and date MUST be printed on the Qurbani carcass label.

The presumption will be that there is something to hide if the time and date is not printed.

### Stage 4. CUTTING – Butcher responsibility

**Qurbani carcass label:** The abattoir Qurbani carcass label MUST be supplied with the Qurbani meat so the consumer can have full confidence of the time and date of performance and the reference number that links that carcass meat to their Qurbani order with the abattoir.

### Stage 5. CHARITY – Joint abattoir and butcher responsibility

**Transparency:** The abattoir must communicate the (combined) value of Qurbani by-products not returned to the consumer (e.g. skin, casing, tripe, etc.).

**Accountability:** At the time of order, it must be agreed between the abattoir, butcher and consumer is responsible for making the payment to charity.

**Proof:** Where the abattoir or butcher takes partial or full responsibility, they must provide proof, for example, bank statement payment or receipt by a UK registered charity, that the amount was indeed donated to charity. This should be completed within one month of Qurbani.

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Abraham's Halal Meat  
British Trade Solutions<sup>^\*</sup>  
British Muslim Heritage Centre  
Centre of Excellence in Halal  
Compliance & Training\*  
Euro Quality Lambs<sup>^\*</sup>  
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#### Key

<sup>^</sup> = AHDB Qurbani Stakeholder Group

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Wider Stakeholders

### Notes for readers:

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