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**Statement –
Time of Slaughtering of Udhia on Eid-ul-Adha in Irish slaughterhouses**

Many Irish slaughterhouses facilitate the slaughtering of Ovine and Bovine for the sacrifice of Udhiya on Eid-ul-Adha for their Muslim consumers. These Muslim consumers are not only based in Ireland but also in other European countries.

According to Muslim jurists it is permissible to start the slaughtering of the animals in these slaughterhouses as soon as the time of Eid prayer starts and the time passes that is sufficient to perform two Rakaah and listen to two Eid Khutbah's.

Traditionally the time of Eid prayer is the time of Duha and this occurs after the sun rises in the morning about the length of a spear or two meters above the horizon. In simple words, this occurs between fifteen to twenty minutes after the Sunrise.

The sunrise in the week Eid-ul-Adha 2018 (20th August) is Approx. 6:15am, which means Eid prayer starts Approx. 6:35am. The duration of performing two Rakaah and two Eid Khutbah's is minimum fifteen minutes. This would mean that technically slaughtering is permissible from Approx. 6:50am for Udhiya.

Therefore, all Irish slaughterhouses and abattoirs, operating on Eid-ul-Adha for the Udhiyah (sacrifices of Eid) for Muslim consumers, may only start the slaughtering of animals from 7AM in the morning. Any animals slaughtered before this time shall not be acceptable for the purpose for Udhiya. However, the slaughtering must be supervised and the shipment of each consignment of Halal meat must be accompanied by a valid consignment specific Halal Certificate issued by Department of Halal Certification, IFI or IEL.

For more information I can be contacted directly through the contact details mentioned below.

Sincerely,

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