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# Frequently Asked Questions



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## Question:

I'd like to know what happens to the Qurbani skin here in England when we get a Qurbani done. Is it true that it is sold by the slaughterhouse and is part of their profit? Is this permissible? Are the HMC Qurbanis done correctly and what do they do with the skin?

## Answer:

### UK Slaughterhouses

UK slaughterhouses are generally not able to provide the skin to the customers on grounds of health and safety legislation. The skins are either disposed of (using certain legal arrangements) or sold to companies.

One potential option is to gift the skin to the slaughter house who may then dispose of it as it wishes - whether as waste or for monetary return. Many slaughterhouses actually donate the entire amount to the needy on behalf of the customers. However, as the discretion of the owner is, in reality, limited the validity of the gift is called in to question. If the skin is not gifted or the limited discretion renders the gift void and the slaughter house sells the skin to a third party then the price thereof (usually a few pounds) should be donated by the owner to the needy. This is the most prudent option.

### HMC Certified Slaughterhouses

As far as HMC certified plants are concerned, they have been given clear guidance in this regard. The Shariah ruling has been outlined to them that the skins should not be sold and if they are, then the entire amount is to be donated to the needy.

Since there are many abattoirs which may have varied practices (despite the guidelines) and this area cannot be properly monitored, it is advised that customers enquire with their butchers whether the price of the skin (if sold) has been donated or not. If not, one should himself donate the amount to the needy as a precaution. The price of the skin is usually around a couple of pounds.

And Allah (S.W.T) knows best.