

TESCO EXTERNAL POLICY

Title: Our Approach to Religious Slaughter and Animal Welfare	
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Policy Statement

This policy outlines Tesco’s approach to religious slaughter and animal welfare, ensuring compliance with legal requirements and alignment with our commitment to high animal welfare standards while respecting the cultural and religious needs of our diverse customer base.

Scope: Own Label & Branded

Business Unit	Business Area Main Area/Sub Area
United Kingdom	Food: Agriculture
Republic of Ireland	
Hungary	
Czech Republic	
Slovakia	
Booker	

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1. Policy Details

Background

Tesco is an international retailer operating in European markets. We serve customers from different cultures and religious beliefs, and this is reflected in the products we sell. In the UK, there are long-standing provisions in UK law which, subject to specific requirements, allow the slaughter of animals without stunning to meet Jewish and Islamic religious requirements. Tesco is committed to high animal welfare standards and respect the dietary needs of our customers, providing clear labelling to support informed choices.

Scope

This policy applies to:

- All Tesco own-label meat products sold in the UK
- Booker own-label meat products sold in the UK
- Tesco operations in the UK, Republic of Ireland and Central Europe
- Branded halal and kosher meat products sold in selected UK stores
- Independent concessions operating within Tesco stores

Definitions

Halal: Meat prepared according to Islamic law, involving a religious dedication. May be stunned or unstunned prior to slaughter.

Kosher: Meat prepared according to Jewish law, must be unstunned prior to slaughter.

Requirements

Own-label products

All own-label halal products must be stunned before slaughter. No own-label kosher products are permitted.

Branded products

Tesco UK stores host independent concession counters under branded suppliers that sell meat from stunned animals only. Tesco UK also sells Branded kosher which are unstunned and Branded halal lines which are both stunned and unstunned.

Additional requirements

All halal and kosher products (both own label and branded) and Concessions offering religious meat products must meet the following standards:

- Certified by Tesco recognised authorities (e.g., HFA for Halal, KLBD for Kosher)
- Clearly labelled
- Sale of unstunned meat must be agreed by Tesco prior to listing

Our businesses in central Europe and the Republic of Ireland do not sell any halal or kosher meat. Booker does not sell any kosher meat.

2. Glossary

Acronym	Definition
HFA	Halal Food Authority
KLBD	Kosher London Beth Din

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