**Qurbani protocol 1444 / 2025**

**For Abattoirs & Butchers**

* This protocol is for abattoirs & butchers who intend to offer Qurbani this year.
* It was initiated and agreed by the AHDB Qurbani Stakeholder Group and endorsed by the AHDB Halal Stakeholder Group and other stakeholders below.
* The date for Qurbani is expected to be Friday 6th June 2025 (subject to moonsighting).

# **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 40kg live weight (or 17kg carcass deadweight).

**ORDERING** *– Butcher responsibility*

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

# **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 https://www.moonsighting.com/pray.php

Qurbani Carcass Label: Time & date MUST be printed on the Qurbani carcass label. **The presumption will be that there is something to hide if the time & date is not printed**.

# **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 & date of performance and the reference number that links that carcass meat to their Qurbani order with the abattoir.

# **CHARITY** – Joint Abattoir & Butcher responsibility

Transparency: The Abattoir must communicate the (combined) value of Qurbani by‐products not returned to the consumer (e.g. skins, casings, tripe, etc.).

Accountability: At the time of order it must be agreed between the abattoir, butcher and consumer who takes the responsibility of making the payment to charity.

Proof: Where the abattoir or butcher takes partial or full responsibility, they must be able to provide proof, for example receipt by UK registered charity or bank statement payment, that the amount was indeed donated to charity. This should be completed within 1 month of Qurbani.

**Agreed April‐2021 by**

*British Trade Solutions Euro Quality Lambs Halal Certification Organisation*

*Halal Food Authority Halal Monitoring Committee Hill Farm Finest*

*RACS UK*