Qurbani protocol 1443/2022 For
Abattoirs and Butchers

* This protocol is for abattoirs and butchers who intend to offer Qurbani this year (2022)
* 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 Saturday 9th July or Sunday 10th July (subject to moonsighting)

### Animals – abattoir and 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://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**.

### 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.

### 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. 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 one month of Qurbani.

**Agreed April‐2021 by**

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*Halal Food Authority Halal Monitoring Committee Hill Farm Finest*

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