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I would like to add that I find this argument raised by South African National Halaal Authority (SANHA) regarding Mufti AK Hoosen's judgement, pronouncement or verdict over the chicken issue flawed. It's flawed because, its theological director Moulana Muhammad Saeed Navlakhi, attended a conference in Riyaadh in which various issues regarding halaal and slaughtering issues were raised.

At this conference over 60 studies on various aspects of monitoring halal food were discussed. Moulana Navlakhi even presented the welcome remarks on behalf of all the delegates.  
([http://www.sanha.co.za/a/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=2381&Itemid=229](http://www.sanha.co.za/a/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2381&Itemid=229))

Mohammed Saleem policy director and spokesperson of Association of Non Stun Abattoirs (ANSA) stated at this conference: "The conference proves one fundamental point, given the choice Muslims throughout the world prefer **"The Prophetic Method of Slaughter"**, this is a fantastic opportunity for ANSA members to supply quality English Halal meat and poultry to the Middle East market". **Muslims of the world will not accept meat and poultry unless it is non-stunned and slaughtered in accordance to the teachings of the Holy Prophet Muhammed (PBUH).**

Furthermore, Professor Maha M. Hadi, chairwoman of the nutrition department in Cairo University, warned that bovine growth hormones mixed with some feed may cause breast and colon cancers.

To Quote Professor Maha M Hadi: "If you eat meat, you must be concerned about what the animal or poultry were fed."

She said: "Regarding halal and haram in animal feed, we should be concerned with the origin of each ingredient and additive used in animal feed." She further adding that generally animal feed will include ingredients from different origins." "Regarding halal and haram in animal feed, we should be concerned with the origin of each ingredient and additive used in animal feed,"

May I ask is the feed fed to commercially slaughtered chicken Halaal? Are the chickens reared according to Islamic standards? Is halaal confined only to method of slaughter?

Many animal right experts are also against the methods on how “Broiler” chickens are raised.

[\(http://advocacy.britannica.com/blog/advocacy/2007/05/the-difficult-lives-and-deaths-of-factory-farmed-chickens/\)](http://advocacy.britannica.com/blog/advocacy/2007/05/the-difficult-lives-and-deaths-of-factory-farmed-chickens/).

Furthermore, Mufti Muhammad Usman of Darul Baseerah (Bradford) representing ANSA (Association of Non Stun Abattoirs) at this conference said: We welcome this as a positive signal for the UK producers of animal feed and genuine Halal meat as they can meet the criteria on both of these issues. [\(http://behalal.org/home/uk-riyadh-conference-endorses-the-prophetic-method-of-animal-slaughter/\)](http://behalal.org/home/uk-riyadh-conference-endorses-the-prophetic-method-of-animal-slaughter/)

Making his concluding remarks, SFDA President Mohammed Al-Kanhal said countries importing halal food from non-Muslim countries should jointly present a proposal stipulating the requirements for halal food in accordance with Islamic guidelines.

He stressed that the rules should cover the right form of slaughtering of animals (not by electric shock). The form of production and additives used in the preparation should be spelled out in all food labels, supported with proper halal certification. He requested the scientific committee of the conference to prepare a set of recommendations based on the discussions during the four-day conference. [\(http://halalfocus.net/saudi-arabia-food-exporting-countries-urged-to-heed-halal-norms/\)](http://halalfocus.net/saudi-arabia-food-exporting-countries-urged-to-heed-halal-norms/).

Moreover, Saudi Arabia has called on all non-Muslim countries which export halal products to tighten their adherence to Islamic regulations, and has requested that an approved set of guidelines be drawn up to help importers ensure these are being met.

<http://www.globalmeatnews.com/Safety-Legislation/Saudi-Arabia-calls-for-tighter-regulations-on-halal-importers>

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