

**SANHA's** mission is bound by the ordinance that religious accountability is an individual responsibility and Islamic dietary law is a Divine commandment. It presents information to the public to enable the making of informed and correct choices. This includes programmes and action that educate and brush up on knowledge that encourages the consumption of Halaal and abstention from Haraam. Brush up is practiced to polish performance or refresh the memory.

The Shari'ah has declared every part of the pig as a core impurity. Whether dead or alive or ritually slaughtered, all parts of the pig, i.e. flesh, bone, skin, fat, nail, hair etc are deemed an impurity, the use of which is prohibited. This includes deriving of any benefit for personal or commercial gain.

One of the most common techniques of enhancing taste and appearance of food is to baste it with gravy, oil, marinades and other flavouring agents using a basting brush. Even pies and pastries need to be "glazed". The label on these brushes generally state "**pure bristle**" without specifying the type or origin. Most natural brushes on the market today are of pork bristle including ladies cosmetic make-up.

Many Muslim outlets that applied for Halaal Certification were found to be unknowingly using these types of brushes during our initial evaluation visit. Even as you read this, many popular "street stands" of your favourite seekh kebab, boti and tikka meals may currently be using the offensive brushes.

### **UNIQUE HALAAL FOR HARAAM PROGRAM - FREE BASTING BRUSH ASSESSMENT**

In a unique and unprecedented step, SANHA is once again launching a bold initiative to encourage the removal of Haraam pig bristle basting brushes from homes, Halaal bakeries and restaurants even though the outlet is not certified by SANHA. (SANHA certified outlets use synthetic brushes only. This is verified by our inspectors during their regular monthly audits.)

You are welcome to call at our office at the appointed times (see conditions) to have your basting brushes assessed free of charge.

Don't brush this off. Satisfy yourself that your brush is not bristling with Haraam.

**Give Haraam the brush off!!!**

Conditions:

For businesses, we shall assess and only replace your first Haraam brush absolutely **FREE OF CHARGE**.

1. Proof of registration of business is required.

2. Assessment and replacement will be done strictly at the stipulated times at any of our offices in Durban, Johannesburg and Cape Town.
3. Monday - Thursday only. Time: 11am to 12 noon
4. While stocks last
5. SANHA reserves the right not to enter into any transaction.

**Your Dzas, constructive comments, criticism and feedback is truly appreciated**

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