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## HFA's Statement on Coronavirus vaccine

The Halal Food Authority (HFA) is currently not certifying **any** vaccine developed for COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2. Due to this fact, we are not in the position to confirm the halal suitability without conducting a thorough verification/audit of the vaccine's components and its production process.

We are aware that several vaccine manufacturers have declared the absence of animal derivatives from their vaccine composition, however, this confirmation is not sufficient to determine the halal suitability of the biological preparation as it may involve haram/najis/doubtful components and processes.

To ascertain the halal suitability, we must carefully audit to verify the vaccine's production process (including production facility), components (e.g., adjuvants), processing aids (e.g., gelatine) and etc against the halal requirements.

Muslims may proceed with the vaccination as per the advice of their GP/Doctor as this may be the only lifesaving resort available at present. The Islamic Sharia permits the use of any life-saving measure regardless of its halal suitability.

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The mission of the Halal Food Authority is to establish the most practicable and robust halal assurance system facilitating a comprehensive traceability of halal food serving the Muslim community and halal industry. For more information on this press release and the work of HFA please contact us on info@halalfoodauthority.com or by calling 020 8446 7127.

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