

To whom it may concern:

I recently went to the Coop on New York Street, Leeds to buy something for dinner and decided on a microwavable curry. However, when I reached the section these are stocked I found that most of the Coop curries had been replaced by Mumtaz.

As you may be aware, Mumtaz use exclusively Halal meat.

I consider myself an ethical consumer. Indeed one of the reasons I shop at Coop is because the company has a long history of offering a selection of ethically friendly products and indeed seems to take pride in doing so.

Halal meat (and Kosher meat also), if you are not already aware, is highly unethical as it causes unnecessary suffering to the animal resulting in the Farm Animal Welfare Council, the government's independent review board on the subject, to conclude it should be banned immediately (such slaughter methods are actually already illegal, but religious organisations currently hold an exemption).

Should you wish to read further, more information can be found here:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halal#Animal\\_welfare](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halal#Animal_welfare)

I was therefore shocked, and disappointed, that Coop had selected to stock Mumtaz's Halal dishes. I believe that the Coop should continue its tradition of providing ethically sourced products by removing any products which contain religiously slaughtered meat.

Thank you for your time.