

## נספח ד'. מסמכים

## DOCUMENTS

THE UNION OF ORTHODOX RABBIS OF  
THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

## DECLARATION ON SHECHITA

אגודת הרבנים דארצות הברית וקנדה  
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DECLARATION ON SHECHITAH

- 1) Shehitah, the religiously ordained method of slaughtering animals for food, is an ordinance prescribed by Jewish religion. It is based upon biblical law and regulated by the religious codes in its minutest details. Any deviation from the prescribed regulations makes the meat ritually unfit for consumption by Jews.
- 2) By these regulations, animals to be slaughtered for food must, prior to their slaughter, be free of stated lesions and imperfections in specific organs.
- 3) Jewish religious law does not allow preliminary stunning, or the rendering of the animal insensible, by any method.
- 4) The enforcement of a regulation requiring stunning preliminary to slaughter is tantamount to a prohibition of the practice of Shehitah.

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DECLARATION OF CHIEF RABBI J.H. HERTZ —  
LONDON 1945

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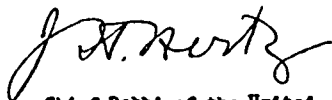
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LONDON, *etc.* 27th March, 1945

Declaration on the Jewish method of slaughtering  
animals for food.

Shechita, the Jewish method of slaughtering animals for food, is prescribed by the Divine Law. It has been universally observed by the Jews throughout the ages; and is to this day religiously observed by the overwhelming majority of the Jews of the world. The rules and rites governing this sacred ordinance have come down to us from time immemorial, and, amongst other purposes, they ensure a swift and painless death to the animal. Any other method than the prescribed Shechita (such as, stunning previous to the act of slaughter) renders the meat ritually unfit for Jewish consumption. Civil regulations that would interfere with this hallowed practice would, therefore, inflict cruel hardship upon law-abiding citizens; and, by violating their freedom of conscience, constitute a grievous religious persecution



Chief Rabbi of the United  
Hebrew Congregations of the British Empire

## DECISION OF THE CHIEF RABBINATE OF ISRAEL — 1953

2nd of Kislev 5714

November 9, 1953

### DECISION

*The Augmented Council of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel, in its session on the 2nd day of Kislev 5714, heard with great interest the words of the Chief Rabbi of the British Empire and also the words of Mr. Elsley Zeilin, Chairman of the Shechita Commission of the Board of Deputies of all Jewish communities in Great Britain. After their reading to us important documents written by great scholars of modern times in reference to electro-narcosis, and after our thorough evaluation of the same, we came to a unanimous and clear decision that because of serious halachic problems, there can be no basis for permitting electro-narcosis of an animal before Shechita.*

*Our traditional Shechita, as observed by us throughout all the generations, is a supreme order by the Almighty, as given to Moshe, our Master, and laid down in our Holy Scriptures, the ways of which are merciful and is the appropriate method of killing the animal also from the ethical as well as the humane viewpoint.*

#### Signatories:

*Yitzchak Isaac Halevi Herzog*

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DECLARATION BY THE JEWISH ECCLESIASTICAL  
AUTHORITIES OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH

Nisan 5716

March 1955

*Shechita, the Jewish method of slaying animals for food, is prescribed by the Divine Law. It has been universally observed by the Jews throughout the ages and is to this day religiously observed by the overwhelming majority of the Jews of the world. The rules and rites governing this sacred ordinance have come down to us from time immemorial, and, amongst other purposes, they ensure a swift and painless death to the animal. Any other method than the prescribed Shechita (such as, stunning previous to the act of slaughter) renders the meat ritually unfit for Jewish consumption. Civil regulations that would interfere with this hallowed practice would, therefore, inflict severe hardship upon law-abiding citizens, who would be prevented from partaking of meat except under conditions which would violate their religious conscience.*

*Israel Brodie,*  
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*Solomon Gaon,*  
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**DECLARATION BY THE  
JEWISH ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITIES OF GT. BRITAIN**

11th November 1968  
20th Cheshvan 5729

**T**HE Jewish method of slaughtering animals for food, known by the Hebrew word "Shechita", is Divinely ordained by the word of God as found in the Holy Scriptures. Since time immemorial, Jewish communities throughout the world have observed this essential practice of our religion.

**S**HECHITA is carried out by men who have undergone several years of religious training and study who scrupulously apply the rules and rites governing this sacred ordinance, thus ensuring the swift and painless death of the animal.

**A**NY other method than Shechita (such as stunning previous to the act of slaughter) renders the meat ritually unfit for Jewish consumption. Any interference with this hallowed practice would, therefore, inflict severe hardship upon law-abiding citizens, who would be prevented from partaking of meat except under conditions which would violate their religious conscience.

IMMANUEL JAKOBOVITS,  
*Chief Rabbi of the United  
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## DECLARATION OF THE CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN RABBIS — 1974

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CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN RABBIS

The Jewish method of slaughtering animals for food, known by the Hebrew word "Shechita", is divinely ordained in the Holy Scriptures. Since time immemorial, Jewish communities throughout the world have observed this essential practice of our religion.

Shechita is carried out by highly-skilled men who have undergone several years of religious training and study, and who scrupulously apply the rules and rites governing this sacred ordinance. This humane method ensures the swift and painless death of the animal, as confirmed by overwhelming and authoritative scientific evidence. This is, of course, in harmony with basic Jewish teaching which strictly forbids any form of cruelty to animals.

Any method other than Shechita (including any means of stunning before the act of slaughter) renders the meat ritually unfit for Jewish consumption.

The Conference of European Rabbis, representing communities counting well over one million Jews, is confident that there will be no interference with this hallowed institution. Such interference would not only be a denial of human rights and religious freedom but would also inflict severe hardship by debarring Jews from the consumption of meat except under conditions which would violate their religious conscience.

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