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## Re: Statement Regarding the Permissibility of the Influenza Nasal Vaccine

In the Name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh,

With the introduction of the influenza nasal vaccine, questions have arisen regarding the ingredients contained within the vaccine and its permissibility from an Islamic perspective, particularly due to the inclusion of porcine-derived gelatin.

After reviewing the matter from both a medical and fiqhi perspective, it is important to note that if it is scientifically and medically established that the porcine gelatin utilised in the vaccine has undergone a complete chemical transformation whereby its original nature, composition, and properties no longer remain, then this matter falls under the recognised fiqhi principle of Istihalah (substantial transformation).

According to this principle, many classical and contemporary scholars maintain that when an impure or prohibited substance is transformed entirely into a new substance with distinct characteristics and reality, the original ruling of impurity no longer applies.

This opinion has been adopted by numerous scholars and various contemporary fiqh academies and councils.

The basis of this position is the legal principle that a ruling is connected to its effective cause. Therefore, when the original impure substance ceases to exist in both form and reality, the ruling associated with it likewise ceases.

The jurists have cited several classical examples in support of this principle, including wine transforming into vinegar, impure substances becoming ashes through burning, and decomposed carcasses transforming into salt or earth.

Accordingly, if the gelatin present within the vaccine is no longer regarded, chemically or materially, as the original porcine substance, but rather as a completely transformed compound, then the ruling of impurity would not remain according to this recognised scholarly position.

Based upon this understanding, the use of such a vaccine would be considered permissible, particularly where the objective is medical protection, disease prevention, and public health benefit, and where the transformed substance no longer retains the ruling of the original prohibited material.

And Allah knows best. Wassalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh,

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