

Minister Allays Fears Over Halal Status Of Imported Beef

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GURUN, Aug 27 (Bernama) -- Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom has allayed any apprehension by the people over the "halal" (permissible) status of imported beef to meet the demand for Aidilfitri next week.

He said the government had identified the beef importers who adhered to the halal certification standards set by the Islamic Development Department of Malaysia (Jakim) before the meat was brought into the country.

"The Ministry of Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism has also given an assurance on the halal status," he told reporters after breaking fast with Jerai Umno division members at the Modenas sports complex here yesterday.

Jamil Khir said the government also imported beef from slaughterhouses accorded the halal certification by Jakim.

He also said that Jakim would continue to monitor the supply of beef to avoid any uncertainty over its halal status.

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