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Summary:

All food served in a new hot school lunch programme is certified halal. RTÉ's report on the new programme focused on Our Lady of Lourdes primary school in Inchicore, Dublin which has 250 pupils but the programme has been extended to 36 schools across the country. Less than 1% of the population of Ireland are Muslim according to the 2016 census. Previously this channel highlighted the news that all chicken and turkey meat served in Ennis Hospital is also halal. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZEUES...> [10] Animals that are slaughtered using the halal method must not be stunned before their throats are slit and an Islamic prayer 'Bismillah' ("in the name of God") must be preformed during the process by a Muslim. The animal remains conscious while the blood drains from their body. The head of the animal must be aligned with the direction of Mecca. Pig products are not regarded halal regardless of how pigs are slaughtered. According to Islamic law, Muslims are allowed to eat non-halal food if there is no halal food available so allowing halal food to be bought and sold in Ireland is completely unnecessary. Although the EU has regulations in place that animals must be stunned before being slaughtered, they make an exception for animals slaughtered under religious ritual. Broadcast: News2day | RTÉ | 03 Sep 2019

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