

Halaal accreditation unacceptable – CDP
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The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) expresses its support for Christian Consumers in their campaign against the Halaal sign appearing in restaurants and on products in supermarkets. So says Rev Theunis Botha Leader of the Party.

“It is high time” he said, “that attention is drawn to this unfair and discriminatory practice and that the CRL Commission launches a thorough investigation into it.”

“We further question the reported statement made that the amount paid for Halaal accreditation is minimal; as this amounts to R45 bn a year. To claim that the costs are not passed on to consumers is also laughable as experience shows that businesses always pass any increases in their costs on to consumers. This to our mind is another reason for the already excessive increases in the price of food stuffs.”

“The statement by the Halaal-certification board that this action is ‘Islamophobic’ is not only ridiculous but predictable. Experience proves that more than Christian being ‘Islamophobic’ Muslims are ‘Christophobic’. Reported statements made that allegations as to how these funds might be utilized are untrue and that they are to be treated with the contempt it deserves is a matter for the CRL Commission to determine and will call for a thorough independent forensic audit more than an audit from a ‘reputable auditing firm’. We need answers as to exactly how the R45bn a year is being spent. We further object to the fact that it could be used in building mosques or paying for Islamic ‘clergy’. This would amount to blatant discrimination against the Christian community as the same privileges are not afforded them. We also take umbrage at the statement reportedly made by SANHA spokesperson Ebi Lockhat that Muslims do not believe in the Holy Trinity and then inferring that the Christian’s worship of Father Son and Holy Spirit is the worship of idols”. The CDP intends putting in an objection to this statement with the HR Commission as it shows a definite Christophobic attitude by SANHA.

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