

Is Haribo made from pig?

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Haribo's Goldbears are sold in more than 100 countries, and one of the most common questions about them is whether they are made from pig. For the classic Goldbears, the answer is that they are made with pork gelatine.

What gives gummy bears their chew

Haribo's Goldbears are made from sugar, sugar syrup, colourings and flavourings, along with acidifiers, coating agents, water and gelatine, and it is the gelatine that gives the bears their rubbery texture. Gelatine is made from collagen, a protein from animals. Most gelatine comes from pork skin, pork and cattle bones, or split cattle hides, and some comes from fish. See [what is gelatine made from?](#)

Pork gelatine in Goldbears

The standard Goldbear uses gelatine from pigs. That means the classic bears are not suitable for vegetarians or vegans, and they are not halal or kosher.

Halal and kosher Haribo

To cater for religious dietary laws, Haribo makes special versions of the Goldbear. A halal certified version, which swaps the pork gelatine for beef gelatine from cattle slaughtered according to Islamic dietary law, is made only at a Haribo factory in Turkey. It is officially sold in the Middle East and South East Asia, but it is also widely imported and sold in other countries. A kosher version, made to Jewish dietary law, is made at a factory in Austria and is mainly exported to Israel and to Jewish communities in the United States.

Always check the pack

Haribo makes a great many different sweets, and recipes can differ between products and between countries. The only way to be sure is to read the ingredients on the pack you are buying, and to look for halal certification, or vegetarian or vegan labels. For more on which sweets contain pork gelatine, see [what sweets have pork gelatine?](#)

Gelatine free bears

If you want gummy bears without pork gelatine, there are alternatives. Some are made with beef gelatine for halal diets, and some use plant based gelling agents instead. In our pick and mix we sell halal golden bears and vegan gummy bears, and every sweet on our site has its own ingredients and allergens panel. For the story of the man who created the gummy bear, see [Hans Riegel and the gummy bear](#).

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