

Are wine gums halal?

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Wine gums sound as though they might be a problem for Muslims because of the word wine. In fact, they usually contain no alcohol at all. The real question is the gelatine.

No wine, but gelatine

Despite being stamped with names such as port, sherry, burgundy and claret, wine gums usually contain no alcohol, and some packs carry a statement saying they contain no wine: see [do wine gums have wine in them?](#)

What gives wine gums their firm chew is usually gelatine. Gelatine is made from animal collagen, and most of it comes from pork skin, pork and cattle bones, or cattle hides. Halal customs generally require gelatine from sources other than pigs, such as cattle slaughtered according to religious rules, or fish. Religious scholars do not all agree on gelatine, and people follow the guidance of their own tradition: see [what is gelatine made from?](#)

The 2016 change

In July 2016 Mondelez, the company that owns Maynards Bassetts, announced that in future its sweets would contain either bovine or porcine gelatine, beef or pork, listed on the pack simply as gelatine. It said it was changing the way it sourced gelatine to secure flexibility of supply. The change affected a number of Maynards Bassetts brands, and the company said it wanted to make sure Muslim communities were aware of it, and asked people to share the information.

That means that unless a pack says otherwise, you cannot assume the gelatine in a Mondelez sweet is from beef.

How to find halal sweets

The most reliable way is to look for halal certification on the pack. Some sweets are made with beef gelatine from animals slaughtered according to Islamic law, and some are made without gelatine, using plant based gelling agents. Haribo, for example, makes a halal version of its Goldbears with beef gelatine: see [is Haribo made from pig?](#)

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