

What sweets have pork gelatine?

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Many chewy sweets are made with gelatine, and a lot of gelatine comes from pigs. The difficulty is that sweet labels often list it simply as gelatine, without saying which animal it came from. For Muslims, Jews and anyone else avoiding pork, that means reading carefully and sometimes asking the maker.

Why pork gelatine is so common

Gelatine is made from the collagen in animal skin, bones and connective tissue, as a by product of the meat and leather industries. Most gelatine comes from pork skins, pork and cattle bones, or split cattle hides. Gelatine is what gives many gummy and jelly sweets their chew: see [what is gelatine made from?](#)

What is known about some brands

- **Haribo.** Standard Haribo Goldbears are made with pork gelatine. Haribo makes a halal certified Goldbear with beef gelatine, only at its factory in Turkey, and a kosher version too: see [is Haribo made from pig?](#)
- **Maynards Bassetts and other Mondelez sweets.** In July 2016 Mondelez announced that its sweets would in future contain either beef or pork gelatine, listed on the pack simply as gelatine, to secure flexibility of supply. It asked people to make Muslim communities aware of the change. So sweets such as Maynards wine gums and Bassett's Jelly Babies may contain pork gelatine: see [are wine gums halal?](#)
- **Percy Pig.** Marks and Spencer's Percy Pigs originally contained real pig, in the form of pork gelatine. They became gelatine free in May 2019 and vegan in 2022.

Recipes change, and different countries can have different recipes, so check the current pack.

How to avoid pork gelatine

- **Look for halal or kosher certification.** Certified sweets use gelatine from permitted animals, slaughtered according to religious law, or no gelatine at all.
- **Look for vegetarian or vegan labels.** These rule out gelatine altogether, because gelatine comes from slaughtered animals.
- **Choose sweets made with plant gelling agents.** Pectin, starch and agar set sweets without animal products: see [what sweets are gelatine free?](#)
- **Ask the maker.** If a pack just says gelatine, the manufacturer should be able to tell you its source.

Fish and beef gelatine

Not all gelatine is pork. Some is made from cattle, and some from fish, which avoids some of the religious objections to gelatine. Beef gelatine is only halal if it comes from animals slaughtered according to Islamic law: see [what sweets are halal in the UK?](#)

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