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No respect for Muslim meat laws

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THE anxiety and outrage expressed by the South African Hindu Dharma Purohit Council over the mixing of beef with mutton is understandable (Beefed-up mutton sausages annoy Hindus' Friday, November 13, 1998).

We live at a time when we disregard people's rights for the sake of economics. The chain store and the butchery are insensitive and immoral for not informing the public, particularly the Hindu community about their profiteering, money-making "racket".

Should the butchery or chainstore be Muslim owned, then the immorality of it is increased. The Shari'ah (Islamic law) lays down fundamental rules governing the relationship between businesspersons and consumers, the right to be informed, the right of people of other faiths, beliefs and creeds (including atheists) to be respected and protected.

I believe that the South African Hindu Dharma Purohit Council, the South African National Halaal Association and other interested bodies should approach the provincial government with a proposal to, among other things, have all the contents and ingredients used in meat products clearly displayed.

It is crucial to have the health regulations amended. It is one's democratic right to do so since the previous government legislated in the interest of one particular group.