Fatwa no. 17347

Q: What is the ruling on Salam sale (sale with advance payment) that satisfies the following conditions:

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(1) The sold item has accurate description; (2) locally produced Saudi wheat; (3) generally present in the markets and available to many people; (4) of good quality that is determined by computer in the silo; (5) of a known weight and weighed in tons, as most people deliver it in tons; (6) has a specified period of time, as it will be delivered after the harvest. (7) The Salam sale will be conducted as described above. The full amount of money is to be delivered in cash at the time of the contract and it is stipulated that the delivery of the wheat will be made in the silo, as all the grains are delivered there. It should be borne in mind that the price of the grain in the silo is not fixed, as it was before, for prices were reduced twice and the sale was based on the seller's need for cash. Please advise us and may Allah reward you with the best!

A: Anyone who buys food according to a Salam sale, or another type of contract, is not permitted to sell it before receiving it by measuring or weighing it and taking possession of it in their store, because the Prophet (peace be upon him) (Forbade the selling of food before receiving it.) Delivering wheat to a silo is considered as a sale to the government. Therefore, it is not permissible to sell the food before receiving it and having full possession of it. And Allah knows best. May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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