



Fatwa no. 18434:

Q: I own a fruit orchard where I grow different kinds of figs. Ten days or more before they ripen, I put a substance on the fruits to make them ripen before their due time in order to take them to market early. Is what I do permissible, as the substance I use is not legally prohibited and has no bad effects on health or the trees to which it is applied? Kindly, give us your Fatwa in this regard. May Allah reward you best.

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A: This practice of deceiving people into believing that the fruits have reached the state of ripeness before their due time is not permissible because it is a kind of cheating. The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: ["He who cheats us is not of us \(is not my follower\)."](#) Hence, it is mandatory upon you to repent to Allah and give up this practice that harms people and results in your taking their money unjustly.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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