

Selling a Najis (ceremonially impure) article

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Q: One of my relatives owns an oil tank containing more than

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four tons of olive oil. On deciding to sell it, he opened the tank to find two mice had fallen into the tank. He then closed the tank awaiting the Shar`y (Islamic legal) ruling on the issue, as I will pass your reply on to him. Best regards. May Allah reward you well!

A: If a mouse falls into olive oil or the like, the mouse and the part surrounding are to be thrown away. This is based on the Hadithrecorded in the Sahih (authentic book of Sunnah) of Al-Bukhari: (The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) was asked regarding ghee (cooking butter) in which a mouse had fallen. He said: Take out the mouse and throw away the ghee around it and use the rest.

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

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