



Fatwa no. 11708

Q: We have some fig plantations and one month before the fig ripens, another type of fig appears. It is not the original type of fig and it stays for around ten days and then runs out twenty days before the original fruit ripens. Is it permissible to sell the original fig during these twenty days, bearing in mind that this sale would be before the fig fruits ripen by around fifteen days? Is this considered as Riba (usury/interest)? There are some people who want the type that appears before the original figs.

A: It is not permissible to sell figs unless they appear to be edible, according to the Shar'y (Islamic legal) evidence in this regard. It is authentically reported that [\(The Prophet \(peace be upon him\) forbade the sale of fruit until it appeared edible. \)](#)

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