



The second question of Fatwa no. 18699

Q 2: Some merchants give orchard owners loans four months or more before the fruit is ripe. These loans are to be repaid with fruit, without agreeing on a specific price for the fruit. In fact the prices are set when the fruit has ripened. Is this contract correct, bearing in mind that the quantity of the fruit is not specified, but there is a defined time limit for delivering the harvested fruit that is produced in the orchard at that time?

A: This contract is invalid, because it is a Salam sale (sale with advance payment) which does not meet its necessary conditions of knowing the amount of the item being paid to in advance (to be delivered later) at the time of contracting as well as other conditions.

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