

Selling garments hanging below the ankles "Al-Isbaal"

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: What is the ruling concerning selling pants? Is it obligatory to inform the customer about the ruling concerning Al-Isbaal (letting them hanging below the ankles)? May Allaah reward you with what is best.

Answer: All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers until the Day of Resurrection.

If pants are baggy (large enough), not transparent and are not from the garments whereby the disbelievers are distinguished, there is no matter to wear or sell them because they do not display the size of the private parts of the body and do not belong to the garments of disbelievers. As for the ruling concerning Isbaal, it has already been revealed in the fatwa N° 326¹.

Besides, it is recommended to inform the buyer of Al-Qamees² which hangs below the ankles is in the Fire³ and his saying صلى الله عليه وسلم: "**Verily, Allaah does not love the one who lets his garment hanging below his ankles**"⁴.

In order to act according to the duty of advising Muslims and the faithful brotherhood which is demonstrated in wishing for others what he likes for himself and disliking for others what he dislikes for himself, according to the hadeeth of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم: "**None of you will have faith till he wishes for his (Muslim) brother what he likes for himself**"⁵. And manifesting truthfulness in dealing with others, in his saying صلى الله عليه وسلم: "**If they (the seller and the buyer) spoke the truth and made clear the defects of the goods, they would be blessed in their bargain. But if they told lies and hid some facts, their bargain would be deprived of Allaah's blessings**"⁶.

¹ Please see: <http://www.learnaboutislam.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Ruling-concerning-letting-garment-hang-beneath-ankles.pdf>

² A long baggy dress worn by men. Translator's note.

³ Narrated by Al-Bukhaaree (5787) from the hadeeth of Aboo Hurairah رضي الله عنه.

⁴ Narrated by At-Tabaraanee in "Musnad Ash-Shaamiyyeen" (1237) and in "Al-Mu'jam Al-Kabeer" (7909) from the hadeeth of Aboo Umaama رضي الله عنه. Al-Haythamee said: "It is narrated by At-Tabaraanee with several chains of transmission and the narrators of one of those chains are trustworthy". See: "As-Silsilah As-Saheehah" (6/ 406).

⁵ Narrated by Al-Bukhaaree (13) and by Muslim (45) from the hadeeth of Anas رضي الله عنه.

⁶ Narrated by Al-Bukhaaree (2110) and by Muslim (1532) from the hadeeth of Hakeem Ibn Hizaam رضي الله عنه.

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The perfect knowledge belongs to Allaah عزُّ وجلُّ; and our last prayer is all the praises and thanks are to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds, and prayers of Allaah are to Muhammad and his Family, Companions and Brothers until the Day of Resurrection.

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