82116 - Ruling on using spices that give pork flavour

the question

One of my mother's non Muslim friends brought her some seasonings with bacon (part of a pig) flavor but the ingredients seem to be artificial and don't mention any pig substances it says soy beans and flavor. My mother says it's ok to use it but I don't agree. So what's right?.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

If this flavouring is made from any part of the pig, then it is undoubtedly haraam, because Allah says (interpretation of the meaning):

“Say (O Muhammad): “I find not in that which has been revealed to me anything forbidden to be eaten by one who wishes to eat it, unless it be Maytah (a dead animal) or blood poured forth (by slaughtering or the like), or the flesh of swine (pork); for that surely, is impure” [al-An’aam 6:145]

Allah has forbidden pork because it is impure and unclean.

But if it is manufactured artificially and is not made from pork, then it is at least makrooh, because it is an imitation of something that Allah has forbidden. What the believer should do is keep away from haraam things and shun them, and not enjoy them or look for foods that are similar to them.

Moreover that may be a means of getting used to the taste of pork, which would make it easier to eat it later on.

And Allah knows best.