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Consent to Participate in a Research Study

You are invited to participate in a research study entitled “Consumers’ Perception on Street Food during the Christmas Market in Batroun” conducted by Nour Gereige, master’s student at the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences at the American University of Beirut.

Please take the time to read the following information carefully before you decide whether or not you would like to participate in this study. The following information includes the project’s description, risks and benefits, confidentiality statement, and contact information of the parties concerned with this study. Feel free to ask any questions that you may have.

A. Project Description

- The purpose of this survey is to analyze consumers’ behavior and perception towards street food consumption and safety practices of this type of setting.
- The estimated time to complete this study is approximately 10 to 15 minutes.
- Participation in this study is completely voluntary. All respondents above 18 years of age who agree to participate in the study are included, whereas those who do not are excluded.
- An estimated number of 300 participants are expected to participate in this study.
- Please note that you have the option to skip any question that you do not wish to answer.
- Only the data you provide in the questionnaire will be collected and analyzed. The research team will not have access to your name or contact details.

B. Risks and Benefits

- This study has less than minimal risk. In other terms, your involvement in this study will not cause any risk to you as a participant. You have the right to withdraw your consent or discontinue your participation at any time for any reason.
- By participating in this study, you will contribute to previous research on this topic and help us ensure the success and sustainability of street food establishments.

C. Confidentiality

- To secure the confidentiality of your responses, your name and other identifying information will never be obtained or included in the study.
- Data access is limited to the principal investigator and advisors working directly on this project.

D. Contact Information

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I have read and understand the above information. I agree to participate in the research study.