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I entered ihram for `Umrah and it was cold, so I wore socks. What should I do?

Summary of answer

It is not permissible for a man who is in ihram to wear socks, but it is permissible for a woman to do that. If a man in ihram needs to wear socks, it is permissible for him to wear them but he has to offer the fidyah.

Detailed answer

Praise be to Allah.

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Shaykh Ibn 'Uthaymin said in al-Sharh al-Mumti' (7/154): Question: is it haram for her (i.e., the woman in ihram) to wear socks?

"The answer is no. Socks are haram for men (in ihram).

If a man in ihram needs to wear socks , it is permissible for him to wear them, but he has to offer the fidyah (ransom), which is either to sacrifice a sheep, or to feed six poor persons, or to fast for three days; he may do whichever he wants of these three."

The Standing Committee was asked: what is the ruling on wearing socks on the feet and doing tawaf al-qudum in them during Hajj, and doing the tawaf of `Umrah in them during `Umrah?

They replied:



"It is not permissible for men to wear socks when in ihram for Hajj or `Umrah. If he needs to wear them because of sickness etc, then he must offer a ransom (fidyah), which is to fast for three days, or to feed six poor persons, giving each one half a sa' of dates or similar food, or to sacrifice a sheep." (Fatawa al-Lajnah al-Daimah li'l-Buhuth al-'Ilmiyyah wa'l-Ifta, 11/183)

For more, please see these answers: 219643 and 96679

And Allah knows best.