



# KASHRUS ALERTS

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**ARE ALL OU CERTIFIED GRAIN PRODUCTS PAS YISROEL?** A discussion at a recent Kashrus symposium left the impression that OU products are generally Pas Yisroel. This is not correct. As stated by the OU, "An OU certified grain product should not be assumed to be Pas Yisroel unless so indicated on the label. In general, the OU follows the halachic opinion that does not require Pas Yisroel status." For a list of OU Pas Yisroel products, see [http://www.oukasher.org/pdf/Pas\\_Yisroel\\_5773.pdf](http://www.oukasher.org/pdf/Pas_Yisroel_5773.pdf). Any OU product marked Pas Yisroel, even if not on this list, is also Pas Yisroel.

**Food for Life EZEKIEL SPROUTED GRAIN BREAD** bears a Kof-K, and according to the Kof-K is Hamotzie and Pas Yisroel even without stating so on the label.

**GREENFIELD NOODLE CO.** is now using Chodosh flour, and new bags therefore do not state Yoshon next to their date code.

**THE FOLLOWING PEPSI PRODUCTS** are Kosher in the U.S. and Canada. (For a complete list, see [http://www.crcweb.org/beverage\\_list.php](http://www.crcweb.org/beverage_list.php))

Pepsi Max  
Pepsi Next

Pepsi One  
Pepsi Throwback

Pepsi X Dragonfruit Flavored  
Cola – Limited Edition


New **MOUNTAIN DEW KICKSTART** drinks, in Fruit Punch and Orange Citrus flavors, are Kosher.

**MINUTE MAID ORANGE JUICES/DRINKS and SIMPLY brand JUICES/DRINKS** have received OU certification of many of their products, only when bearing the OU on the label.

**MOTT'S APPLE JUICE and APPLESAUCE PRODUCTS** are now coming under OK certification, only when bearing the OK symbol.

Some of **OCEAN SPRAY'S CRANBERRY JUICE COCKTAIL** and other juices, in refrigerated sizes that are produced for PepsiCo Inc., are now under OK certification, only when bearing the OK symbol.

**HURST'S HamBeens brand 15 BEAN SOUP** bearing an OK with a "ham packet" inside is Kosher. The packet is artificially flavored.

**FERRARA PAN CANDIES** that are certified by UM Kosher (Atomic Fireballs, Boston Baked Beans, Jaw Busters, Lemonhead, Red Hots, etc.) now require the UMK symbol  on each package to be acceptable as Kosher.

**LITTLE HUG and BIG HUG FRUIT BARRELS DRINKS** are phasing out their Kosher certification, and are therefore deleting the OU symbol from new packaging. Only packages still bearing the OU are acceptable.

**WAM AIRLINE MEALS**, served on Air France, TAP Portugal and other airlines, bear an unauthorized symbol of "BIR" – Badatz Igud Rabbonim / Rabbi Osher Westheim.

**STARBUCKS 10 oz. containers of TOASTED MARSHMALLOW HOT COCOA MIX** distributed by Conifer Specialties mistakenly bear the Kof-K Symbol. This is a non-Kosher item. Currently, no Starbucks Hot Cocoa Marshmallow products are certified by Kof-K Supervision.

**CREAM CHEESE BACON & SCALLIONS** distributed by Bruegger's mistakenly bears the Kof-K symbol. This is a non-Kosher item. It may be returned for a refund.

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Some **TRADER JOE'S ORIENTAL RICE CRACKERS** produced in Thailand are incorrectly labeled with OU and BCK symbols. This product is not certified by the OU nor by the BCK.

**NORTHEAST brand TROPICAL FRUIT SALAD IN NATURAL JUICE**, distributed by Northeast Marketing Co., Lakeville, MA, bears an unauthorized Star-K symbol. Consumers who find any other items produced by this manufacturer bearing a Star-K symbol should notify the Star-K at 410-484-4110.

**SIMPLY NATURE ORGANIC FRESH SPINACH and SPRING MIX** sold at Aldi bear an unauthorized Star-K. These products must be checked for insects before use.

**GREEN FRESH WHOLE LEAF SPINACH**, distributed by Honor Foods, bears an unauthorized Kof-K symbol. This product must be checked for insects before use.

**GENERAL MILLS OU-D CEREALS and SNACKS:** The OU has informed us that the following General Mills products bearing an OU-D contain pareve ingredients, but are produced on dairy equipment. We thank the OU for this information. The OU cautions that even where it states that a product is DE (dairy equipment), the OU does not supervise the cleaning of the equipment between dairy and non-dairy productions, and also that the DE status should be periodically reconfirmed, since manufacturers frequently reformulate their products and may add dairy ingredients.

[Note: Products manufactured on dairy equipment may be eaten after meat without a waiting period, but not with meat.]

## **GENERAL MILLS CEREALS – DE:**

Basic 4	Fiber One – Raisin Bran Clusters	Oatmeal Crisp – Hearty Raisin
Cinnamon Chex	Golden Grahams	Peanut Butter Toast Crunch (new)
Cinnamon Toast Crunch	Honey Nut Cheerios Medley Crunch (new)	Raisin Nut Bran
Fiber One – Caramel Delight	Honey Nut Clusters	Total (regular)
Fiber One – Honey Clusters	Multi Grain Cheerios Peanut Butter	Total Raisin Bran
Fiber One – Nutty Clusters & Almonds	Oatmeal Crisp – Crunchy Almond	Wheaties

## **GENERAL MILLS SNACKS – DE:**

Chex Mix snack– Traditional	Gardetto's Reduced Fat Original Recipe snack mix
Gardetto's Original Recipe snack mix	Gardetto's Special Request - Roasted Garlic Rye Chips snack mix

**TOOTSIE ROLL LARGE POPS** are certified as an OU-D dairy product. The individual pops correctly have the OU-D on their wrapper, but some bags were mistakenly printed with a plain OU.

**TRADER JOE'S "THIS IS NOT A TUB OF CREAM CHEESE" NON-DAIRY SPREAD** is mistakenly labeled OU Pareve. This product was made with pareve ingredients on dairy equipment, and should bear OU-D.

**ARTISAN FRESH BROWNIE** (trio variety pack of Loaded, Chocolate Chip and Turtle) sold at Sam's Club bears Scroll HKA certification, but the dairy designation was mistakenly omitted. This product contains dairy ingredients.

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