



New Under Star-K

Umami Bistro Kosher Chinese Restaurant is now under Star-K supervision, located at the Club Center, 1500 Reisterstown Road in Pikesville, MD.

Consumer Alerts and Information

Star-K Raisin Policy - As of this writing, the following brands of raisins should be avoided: Mishpacha and Gefen. National brands and supermarket brands, such as Shoprite, may be used with reliable kosher certification. All baked, cooked and cereal products containing raisins may be used.

Scotto's Pastry and Bakery - Biscottis (all flavors) with the expiration date 061509, manufactured by Scotto's Pastry and Bakery, bearing the KOF-K, are being recalled. This recall is limited to products bearing the 061509 expiration date. All other Scotto's Pastry and Bakery products bearing the KOF-K remain certified.

Girl Scout Thin Mints - This product is certified OU-D (dairy). The kosher symbol was mistakenly omitted from the packaging due to a printing error.

Tradition Brand Chicken Noodle Soup Cups - Please note that a limited number of Tradition Chicken Noodle Soup cups were labeled with the Jehling brand of Ramen Noodle Soup lids. This product was produced with a mashgiach temidi and is Kosher Parve.

Austin and Keebler Peanut Butter Sandwich Crackers, Select Snack-Size Packs of Famous Amos Peanut Butter Cookies, and Keebler Soft Batch Homestyle Peanut Butter Cookies - Kellogg Company has issued a voluntary recall of the above noted products due to possible salmonella contamination. No other products are involved in this recall. Additional information, as well as a list of Kellogg products that may be potentially linked to salmonella-tainted peanut products, can be found at www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/kellogg201_09.html.

Milk Street Cafe (Boston, MA) - Please be aware that Rabbi Gershon C. Gewirtz, rav of Young Israel of Brookline, is voluntarily providing kosher supervision on an interim basis while opportunities for permanent hashgacha are being explored.

Tropicana Ruby Red Grapefruit Juice - This product does NOT contain cochineal or carmine (red dye pigments derived from insects). A recent article in the media stating that this item contains these color pigments is completely untrue. They are not used in any of the Tropicana pure juice products that are certified by OK Kosher. Cochineal or carmine are only used in Tropicana cocktail mixes, which contain many different ingredients that are shelf stable products not found in the refrigerator section. The cocktail mixes are not, and have never been, certified kosher.

Chef's Quality Vegetarian Refried Beans - This item, which has been found at Restaurant Depot, bears an unauthorized KSA. Future labels will reflect this correction.