



July 2009

Yoshon Update

Yoshon - Below are the **LAST** packing dates when one can assume the following items are *Yoshon* **without** any special designation:

Oats - July 26, 2009

Wheat (flour) and Barley - August 7, 2009

Malt - October 15, 2009

All items after the above packing dates must bear a *Yoshon* marking that is backed by an approved kosher certifying agency. Please note that this year, General Mills has decided to discontinue their *Yoshon* program which they used in previous years. Instead, all vendors who wish to offer *Yoshon* using GM brand flour must purchase all of their flour prior to the above date. Our local distributor, BakeMark, has agreed to store all of the *Yoshon* flour needed for their Baltimore/Washington area kosher customers. Only those items that have the *Yoshon* term printed on the product is acceptable.

Consumer Alerts and Information

Pringles - BBQ, Honey Mustard, Original Flavor and Reduced Fat Original Flavor Pringles feature Hebrew text which suggests the presence of dairy ingredients. The products are certified OU *Pareve* and correctly marked with the OU symbol.

Herr's Kansas City Prime Steak Flavor Potato Chips - The ingredient panel on this product inadvertently lists beef extract. The products are certified OU-D. Future packaging will be revised.

Laromme Snack Napolitana - A limited amount of this product was mislabeled with both OK-D and OK *Pareve*. This product is actually OK-*Pareve*. New labels have been corrected.

Ken's Steakhouse Balsamic Vinaigrette - This product bears an unauthorized OU symbol and is **NOT** certified as kosher by the Orthodox Union. Corrective action has been taken.

The fraud division of the Rabbanut of Israel reports that they are concerned that "Of Hanegev" has illegally used the symbol of the CHK - *Beis Din* of Crown Heights - on poultry meant for export out of Israel. They may also illegally be using labels of "Vaad Rabbanei Chabad, under supervision of Rabbi Hillel Pewzner."

Community Information

Cafe Teva - located in the JCC-Owings Mills is now certified by Rabbi Shalom Salfer. It has separate meat and dairy food service areas. Most dairy items are non-*cholov Yisroel*, however, some items may be *cholov Yisroel*. Please see the *mashgiach* for more details. All meat items are *glatt* kosher.

The 2009-2010 Star-K Approved OTC Medicine List - now available online at our website, www.star-k.org. Click on Kosher Consumer and then on Lists, or contact our office for a mailed or faxed copy. We recommend replacing any old lists with this new updated list.

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