



KEEPING YOU KURRENT

STAR-K KOSHER CERTIFICATION

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Consumer Alerts

Whiskey Alert: The AKO Executive Committee has reason to believe that there are large liquor companies in the U.S. which may be owned in whole or part by Jews, and may not have arranged for the sale of their *chametz* (*mechiras chametz*) during *Pesach*. These companies primarily manufacture bourbon, cordials, American whiskey, and also deal in a small amount of Scotch and vodka. *Chametz*-containing liquors owned, produced and/or aged by Jewish-owned companies over *Pesach* are forbidden as *chametz she'avar alav haPesach*, and it cannot be assumed that these beverages are acceptable for kosher use even if they are purchased a long time before or after *Pesach*. Accordingly, we recommend that *Kashrus* Agencies and consumers only consume those alcoholic beverages which [are free of standard kosher concerns and] are known to (a) be produced by a non-Jewish company or a Jewish-owned company which arranged for the sale of their *chametz*, (b) not contain any *chametz*, including not having *chametz* secondary grains or malted barley (bourbon and cordials are examples of items that may have these forbidden items), and/or (c) were not aged over *Pesach* (e.g. vodka).

The following are some brands which we believe to be subject to the above concern: Consumers who already own one of these liquors are encouraged to ask their personal Rabbi whether returning the bottles to the store is considered to be having *hana'ah* (benefit) from *chametz she'avar alav haPesach*. Note: This notification does not cover the serious question of the status of whisky (or other *chametz*) owned on *Pesach* by a Jewish distributor who does or does not arrange for the sale of his *chametz*. Consumers are encouraged to discuss this question with their personal Rabbi. For updated information or questions regarding this notification, please email AKO at liquor@akokosher.org.

Bourbon

1792 Ridgemont
Abraham Bowman
Ancient Age
Barton Premium Blend
Barton Reserve Blend
Blanton's
Buffalo Trace
Colonel Lee
Eagle Rare
Elmer T. Lee
Fleischmann's Preferred Blend
George T. Stag
Hancock's President Reserve
Imperial Blend
Kentucky Gentleman
Kentucky Tavern

McAfee's Benchmark
Old Charter
Old Taylor
Old Thompson
Old Rip Van Winkle
Old Weller
Pappy Van Winkle
Rock Hill Farms
Ten High
Thomas H. Handy
Tom Moore
Van Winkle
Very Old Barton
Virginia Gentleman
W. L. Weller
Old Weller

Rye

Fleischmann's Rye
Mr. Boston Rock & Rye
Sazerac Rye

Scotch

Highland Mist
House of Stuart
Inver House

Irish Whiskey

Tyrconnell

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