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STAR-K KOSHER CERTIFICATION

Consumer Alerts

February 2011

New York Style Bagel Crisps have changed from OU *Pareve* to OU-D, due to equipment issues. New dairy seasonings are being introduced. If a package is found with a plain OU, it is *Pareve*.

Gefen sardines from Portugal - The Volover Rav, who certifies Gefen products, has advised consumers that after careful investigation, it was determined that insects have been found in the intestines of Gefen whole sardines from Portugal. The sardines must first be opened and then gutted. This applies to whole sardines in water, soya oil or olive oil. The skinless and boneless sardines are not affected.

Carmel Fruits & Vegetables is importing the following produce to the U.S. from Israel: **Red, Yellow and Orange Peppers, Sharon Fruit (Persimmons), Herbs.** *Terumos* and *Maasros* need to be taken from Israeli produce. Carmel **mangoes** are imported exclusively from Peru and are permissible. *Note:* Stores in the U.S. are now required to list the country of origin of produce. If one does not see a sticker stating Product of Israel, one should ask to see the original box in which the produce arrived.

Bugles Original, General Mills, is discontinuing the OU-D kosher certification from all sizes and will no longer be kosher certified, due to operational changes at the production sites. Beginning February 2011, the OU-D symbol will be removed from packaging. Consumers are still likely to see some Bugles Original packages with the OU-D symbol, which are certified kosher.

Planters Nutrition Omega-3 Mix, Kraft Foods - This OU certified product contains dairy ingredients as listed on the ingredient panel, however, the dairy designation has been inadvertently omitted. Corrective action is being taken.

Kroger Value Semi Sweet Chocolate Chips - Some chocolate chips distributed by Kroger Value Stores, bearing the OK *Pareve* kosher symbol contain some dairy chips that were mixed in error. Products that are affected have Best By dates November 20, 2012, December 1, 2012, December 3, 2012, and December 4, 2012.

Community News

Please be advised, effective April 1, 2011, the STAR-K will no longer be the certifying agency for HOFFMAN & CO. / LEWIS CATERERS, Baltimore, Maryland.

Seven Mile Market Consumer Clarification: Not all Pastry Plus fresh baked bakery products are *Yoshon*. *Yoshon* products are clearly stated on the label. All bakery products are *Pas Yisroel*.

America Eats for Israel - On **March 8, 2011**, kosher restaurants in Baltimore are volunteering to donate 10% of their proceeds to Meir Panim, an Israeli charity that works to eliminate poverty among children, families, holocaust survivors and the disabled. Meir Panim served over a million meals to Israelis in need in 2010 and provided after-school programs, vocational training, Meals on Wheels, and other food assistance. **WE ARE VERY PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THAT ALL KOSHER RESTAURANTS IN BALTIMORE ARE PARTICIPATING THIS YEAR!** For more information, please visit www.americaeatsforisrael.net or email americaeatsforisrael11@gmail.com. *This is a project of Yeshivat Rambam.*

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