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STAR-K KOSHER CERTIFICATION

Consumer Alerts

September 2014

Chodosh - The following latest tentative starting dates are based on the U.S. Department of Agriculture Aug 12 Harvest Report.

Oats

- Oats other than cereals packing date of Aug 4, purchase date Aug 28
- Oats in most cereals packing date of Sept 1, purchase date Sept 15
- Quaker Oats packing date of Aug 19, purchase date Sept 3
- Oats in Cheerios packing date of Sept 15, purchase date Oct 1

Spring Wheat

- Freshly baked bakery products, pizza, etc. purchase date Aug 18 in the midwest, elsewhere in U.S. purchase date Aug 25
- Packaged foods with spring wheat, packing date of Aug 18, purchase date Sept 1

Barley

- Barley packing date of Aug 18, purchase date Sept 1

Noodles and Pasta

- Noodles and pasta packing date of Aug 25, purchase date of Sept 8

The OU has stated that it does not use a DE symbol; rather, it marks both Dairy and Dairy Equipment products as OU-D. The following products bearing the OU-D symbol should be considered OU-DE:

Nestle Nesquick Powders
Original Oreo Sandwich Cookies

Oreo Double Stuff Sandwich Cookies
Mini Original Oreo Sandwich Cookies

Products manufactured on dairy equipment may be eaten after meat without a waiting period, but should not be eaten together with meat.

Alexia French Fries and Hash Browns, formerly OK-D, have been reformulated and are now OK-*Pareve*. Please check packaging very carefully, as product bearing the OK-Dairy symbol may still be found in store freezers.

Snapple Fruit Punch Juice Drink usually does not bear an OK symbol because it contains non-certified grape juice. Recently, a special arrangement was made for temporary approval of **Snapple Fruit Punch** for **64 oz. containers**, produced between March and May 2014 with certified kosher grape juice, only when bearing the OK symbol. Some **32 oz.** containers that do not bear the OK symbol were mistakenly also placed on the shelf for a short time, along with the 64 oz. certified fruit punch; please check your purchases.

There are other Snapple varieties that are not certified, and there are some that may be labeled as Dairy or Dairy Equipment. Each bottle or can should be checked carefully for the OK symbol and its *Pareve/Dairy* status.

Post Limited Edition Honeycomb with Twisted Marshmallow cereal is not kosher certified. It contains non-kosher ingredients and does not bear a kosher symbol on the package. Please use extra care when purchasing Honeycomb cereal to ensure that only the original certified Honeycomb cereal is being purchased. **NOTE:** The product with marshmallows displays the **same** UPC number as the product without marshmallows. The only difference is the presence of a banner across the lower part of the front of the box, indicating that there are marshmallows included inside; no kosher symbol is displayed.

Popsicle Orange-Cherry-Grape Ice Pops, in 20 Pack + 1 Extra Pop boxes, stating "Product of Germany", were produced in a non-certified plant and do not bear the Kof-K symbol. Some of these boxes have been found in kosher stores mixed in with the regular 20 Pack boxes which do bear the Kof-K DE symbol. Consumers should always check every item for kosher symbols prior to purchase.

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