

The Chicago Rabbinical Council (cRc) has recently updated several of their liquor policies:

**Beer** – All standard unflavored beers with no additives are acceptable, even without Kosher certification; see exceptions below. This applies to both American and imported beers, light, dark and non-alcoholic beers. However, since some breweries produce non-kosher beer which can affect even unflavored beer produced on the same equipment, it is recommended to only consume unflavored beer from a non-certified brewery after verifying that they do not produce any non-kosher beer such as oyster, bacon, clam, and lobster. Exceptions include: Beers from home and pub breweries, beer from Israel, milk stouts, and flavored beer, including those flavored with spices, botanicals, or fruits, require hashgachah.

**Canadian Whisky** - After extensive research, it has been determined that Canadian Whisky often contains added wine. This wine, assumed to be non-kosher, creates considerable kashrus concerns. This applies even to products labeled as 100% Rye. Accordingly, we recommend that consumers only consume Canadian Whisky products which [are free of standard kosher concerns and] are (a) produced under reliable kosher certification, or (b) known to not contain added wine.

**Sake** – Unflavored sake is acceptable without hashgacha. Flavored sake (e.g., Coconut Sake) and sake which states on the label that it was aged in wine casks require hashgacha. Nevertheless, due to potential kashrus concerns, it is preferable to only consume premium sake labeled as Honjozo, Ginjo, or Daiginjo.

The following changes were made to the cRc liquor list between January 2016 and February 2017:

**Newly Certified**

<b>Beer</b>	<b>Baderbrau</b>	<b>Assorted Varieties</b>	<b>cRc logo required</b>
<b>Beer</b>	Coney Island	Assorted Varieties	Star-K Logo Required
<b>Beer</b>	Gosling's	Assorted Varieties	OU Logo Required
<b>Beer</b>	Henry Weinhard's	Hard Soda Ginger Ale	OU Logo Required
<b>Beer</b>	Lakefront	Assorted Varieties	Star-K Logo Required
<b>Beer</b>	Leikam Brewing	Assorted Varieties	Oregon-K logo required
<b>Beer</b>	Monday Night Brewery	See Liquor List	Atlanta Kosher
<b>Bourbon</b>	Cody Road	Single Barrel Bourbon	cRc logo required
<b>Bourbon</b>	Mississippi River	Assorted Varieties	cRc logo required
<b>Gin</b>	Bombay	Star of Bombay	BIR
<b>Gin</b>	Crater Lake	Assorted Varieties	Oregon-K logo required
<b>Gin</b>	River Rose	Gin	cRc logo required
<b>Gin</b>	Williams Gin	Assorted Varieties	KF logo required
<b>Liqueur</b>	Chase Liqueur	Assorted Varieties	KF logo required
<b>Liqueur</b>	lowish	Dairy Cream Liqueur	cRc-D logo required
<b>Other Alcoholic Beverages</b>	Ghost Tree Moonshine	Assorted Varieties	OK logo required
<b>Other Alcoholic Beverages</b>	River Baron	Artisan Spirit	cRc logo required

Rye	Cody Road	Single Barrel Rye	cRc logo required
Rye	Mississippi River Distilling	Cody Road Rye Whiskey	cRc logo required
Scotch	Glenfiddich	Age of Discovery 19 Year Old Bourbon Cask Reserve	MBD
Scotch	Glenfiddich	IPA Experiment	MBD
Scotch	Glenfiddich	Rich Oak	MBD
Scotch	The Glenrothes	Bourbon Cask Reserve	KLBD logo required
Vodka	Chase Vodka	Assorted Varieties	KF Logo Required
Vodka	Crater Lake	Assorted Varieties	Oregon-K Logo required
Vodka	FLOH	Assorted Varieties	Oregon-K Logo required
Vodka	River Pilot	Vodka	cRc logo required

### Newly Recommended (not certified)

Irish Whiskey	Paddy Irish Whiskey		Recommended only if purchased before Pesach 2017/5777
Scotch	Balblair	Vintage 2005	Recommended
Scotch	Glen Scotia	15 Year Old	Recommended
Scotch	Laphroaig	QA Cask	Recommended
Scotch	Laphroaig	Quarter Cask	Recommended
Scotch	Old Pulteney	12 Year Old	Recommended
Tequila	Patron	Citronge Mango	Recommended

### Newly Non-Recommended

Beer	Blue Point Brewing	Assorted Varieties
Bourbon	Corner Creek	Assorted Varieties
Bourbon	Woodford Reserve	Frosty Four Wood
Irish Whiskey	Tullamore D.E.W.	See Liquor List
Irish Whisky	Bushmills	See Liquor List
Irish Whisky	Jameson	See Liquor List
Scotch	Ancnoc	Blas
Scotch	Ardbeg	Uigeadail
Scotch	Benriach	10 Year Old
Scotch	Benromach	10 Year Old
Scotch	Famous Grouse	Assorted Varieties
Scotch	Glenfarclas	12 Year Old
Scotch	Glenfarclas	25 Year Old
Scotch	Glenmorangie	Milsean
Scotch	Glenmorangie	Signet
Scotch	Highland Park	Dark Origins
Scotch	Laphroaig	Lore
Scotch	Speyburn	10 Year Old
Scotch	The Glenlivet	Master Distiller's Reserve Small Batch
Scotch	Tomatin	14 Year Old
Scotch	Tomintoul	12 Year Oloroso Cask Finish

Many varieties of Ferrara Pan Candy are no long kosher. Packaging with the UMK symbol (which looks like a shield) is still certified. Please check each package for the UMK symbol.

The following are new kosher **Slurpee** flavors are from 7-11 and are all pareve: Cactus Cooler, Canada Dry Cranberry Ginger Ale, Candy Red Apple, Dr Brown's Black Cherry, Jones Orange Crème, Pepsi Black Cherry, Manzanita Sol Apple/Manzana, Slurpee is for Lovers, Fanta Sour Grape, Florida Strawberry Mojito, Vernors Boston Cooler, Key Lime Pie, Buffalo Loganberry, Eureka!, California Blackberry Lime, Fanta Pineapple Lime, Master Chill Pineapple Lime, Trolli Pineapple Lime, Powerade Tangerine Pineapple, Sugar Free Lite Sour Grape.

**Libanais Sweets** sells **baklava** and other items in the local Supermarkets where in addition to other symbols (e.g. "gluten free", etc.), they have a symbol which is a K in a rectangle with the words "Made with Kosher Certified Ingredients". Please note that this should not be relied on as a reliable hechsher.

**Pretzillia** bread and rolls, manufactured by **Miller's Bakery** in Milwaukee, WI, is now Pas Yisroel under the cRc.

Knives should only be sent for sharpening to stores which do not pose a kashrus concern. The two main concerns are that the sharpening companies might wash your kosher knife with other non-kosher knives, and that they might switch your knife for an identical non-kosher one. [See [http://www.crcweb.org/kosher\\_articles/knife\\_sharpening.php](http://www.crcweb.org/kosher_articles/knife_sharpening.php) for details.] The cRc has made an arrangement with the **Cutco Kitchen** retail store located at 3207 West Lake Avenue in Wilmette, Illinois to sharpen kosher knives if the consumer (a) makes sure their knives are clean before submission, and (b) marks their knives or (if sharpening at Cuco-brand knife) the consumer records the 4-digit item code and the 2-letter year-code engraved on the knife, and verify that they received the correct knives back after sharpening.

A limited amount of butter mints in the **Oh! Nuts Monsey Store** (69 Route 59, Monsey NY 10952) were mislabeled: These are silver shimmer chevron stripe wrapped mints bearing the OK and Rabbi Eckstein kosher pareve symbols. These butter mints are dairy, cholov stam OKD certified.

The Orthodox Union did not certify the 2016 production of **Glendale Farm Organic Grape Juice**. The non-certified Glendale Farm Grape Juice has the year "2016" and the letters "OU" printed on the label.

**Richland Dark Aged Rum** is now AKC approved, even without the AKC (Atlanta Kashruth Commission) logo.

Fresh Thyme Frozen Broccoli, Cauliflower and Brussels Sprouts. **Fresh Thyme Farmer's Market**, Downers Grove IL bear an unauthorized OU: The Orthodox Union does not certify Fresh Thyme Broccoli, Cauliflower and Brussels Sprouts. Some bags were printed with an unauthorized OU mark.

A limited number of packages of **Barry Callebaut Cacao Barry** CHM-O38LSUP-US-U77 (milk Chocolate Callets 5 kg) sold in the United States were mistakenly printed with the OK (Pareve) symbol instead of the correct OKD symbol. This product is Dairy, as stated clearly on the label.

The OU currently certifies all varieties of **Tribe hummus**. Tribe is launching a new 'Flavor Shot' product line. Tribe Flavor Shot products are sold separately from the hummus and are meant to be mixed into the hummus. The Flavor Shot products are not currently certified by the OU and do not bear the OU symbol.

**Unflavored Orange Pekoe** or **Green Tea Leaves** (including matcha) or tea bags are acceptable without hashgachah if they contain no other ingredients. Flavored or herbal tea leaves or tea bags require kosher certification. Earl Grey with bergamot oil is acceptable without hashgachah, but Earl Grey with bergamot flavor requires kosher certification. All the above is limited to tea leaves and tea bags, but all prepared (liquid) tea or instant tea powder sold in retail containers, requires kosher certification.

The Orthodox Union does not certify **Reggano** Pasta Entrée Angel Hair with Parmesan Cheese; Pasta Entrée Shells & White Cheddar; Pasta Entrée Angel Hair & Herbs. An unauthorized OU was printed on some of these products.

Please note that **Cava Foods Caramelized Onion Hummus** bears an unauthorized STAR-K symbol. This product is not Kosher certified and is being recalled. Only the following Cava Foods products are certified when bearing the STAR-K or STAR-D symbol: Traditional Hummus, Organic Traditional Hummus, Red Pepper Hummus and Greek Yogurt Hummus.

The OU certifies **Golden Flake Hot Thin & Crispy Potato Chips** as an OU - Dairy product. This product contains dairy ingredients. Some 5 oz. packages were labeled with a plain OU symbol.

**Splenda with Bonus Creamer, Heartland Food Products Group**, Carmel IN. Splenda sachets manufactured by Heartland Food Products are certified pareve by the OU. Dairy Product Inserted with Pareve Product Boxes of sachets with the plain OU were packed with a “bonus” creamer inside. The creamer is kosher, but is dairy (chalav stam). Future packaging is being revised.

**Lunch Buddies** brand diced peaches in plastic cups, sold at Aldi’s bears an unauthorized Star-K. This product contains grape juice of unknown origin and should not be used.

The OU certified **Martin’s Funnel Cake Flavored Potato Chips** as an OU D-Dairy product. This product contains dairy as indicated in the ingredients and allergens statements. Some packaging was printed with an “OU Pareve” symbol as opposed to an OU D-Dairy symbol. Correction actions are being implemented.

**PLANTERS NUT PRODUCTS** are acceptable only when bearing an OU symbol. Products bearing a K (which include most Planters Dry Roasted items) may contain gelatin, or may be produced on the same equipment as gelatin-containing products. Planters Honey Roasted Cashews in the 3 oz. size bears an OU, but the 1.5 oz. size bears a K because it is not produced on an OU approved production line.

**Polar water chestnuts** are produced in various manufacturing facilities, some Star K kosher certified, some not. Consumers are urged to check each can label for reliable kosher certification symbol indicating that the product was produced in a kosher certified facility

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