

Kosher



Consumer

Kosher Certification

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As seasons change, and imported produce increases, the cRc is constantly reviewing and updating the **infestation levels of insects** in produce sold in local stores. For copies of this list or to obtain a silk cloth (known as a “thrip cloth”) please call the cRc offices. The cRc is also offering the opportunity for training of small groups in Bedikas Tolayim. Please call (773) 250-5483 or email Rabbi Langer at ylanger@crcweb.org. All fruit and vegetable information can be found at [http://www.crcweb.org/NewFruitandVeglist%20\(2017\).pdf](http://www.crcweb.org/NewFruitandVeglist%20(2017).pdf).

Many one stop shops or gas stations sell smoothies or hot drinks, where the base used to make these drinks are cRc certified. There are times that these establishments advertise the cRc logo in (or outside) their stores, which gives the impression that the cRc is taking full responsibility for the kashrus of the finished product. In reality, the cRc has no relationship with the store and the preparation of their products. A recent example is the **Signin Oil Station** at 300 Hurley Ave, Lakewood, NJ 08701.

Effective immediately, **Yahara Bay Distillers**, Madison, WI, is no longer certified by the Chicago Rabbinical Council. This includes all Yahara Bay products, as well as **Rokker Vodka**. Products currently bearing the cRc logo are kosher-certified.

Please note that due to a high incidence of insects which have been discovered in current batches of frozen **blackberries** and **raspberries**, the cRc is currently recommending that store-bought frozen blackberries and frozen raspberries not be consumed whole. This should not be construed as a prohibition against purchasing frozen blackberries and raspberries for purposes of blending thoroughly to produce smoothies and the like, although the cRc intends to conduct further review into this matter.

The cRc wants to inform all those that rely on the cRc list of recommended kosher agencies (http://www.crcweb.org/agency_list.php) to keep in mind that many times the recommendations do not extend to **Pesach Hotels**. Each hotel and its hashgacha should be independently reviewed annually despite any previous approvals.

As of January 1, 2018, **Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream Skokie** on 4041 Dempster St, Skokie, IL-60076 will no longer be cRc certified.

The cRc is proud to announce that the following establishments are now cRc kosher certified: **Tacos Gingi** – glatt kosher - located at 5128 Dempster Street, Skokie, IL 60077, (847) 983-0648; **Milt's Extra Innings** located at 3409 North Broadway; **Mizrahi On Clark** LLC, located at 3037 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60657; and **Maayan's Sweet Delights**, located at 937 North Ashland Avenue, Chicago IL 60622.

The cRc is honored to share with the kosher consumer that a new sefer on **Pas Yisroel and Bishul Yisroel** written by Rabbi Dovid Cohen, Administrative Rabbinic Coordinator at the cRc, is now available for those interested in understanding the background and a deeper understanding to these Halachos. The sefer focuses on contemporary applications and includes practical Psokim from the cRc Beis Din. It can be ordered at www.kashrushalacha.com

Not all **Rold Gold Products** are OU certified. Original and Honey Wheat Pretzels & Thin Crisps are OU certified. Rold Gold Seasoned Pretzels are not certified. Please check each label carefully.

Laziza brand dates (product of Tunisia) bear an unauthorized cRc logo and are not certified as kosher by the Chicago Rabbinical Council.

A limited number of new labels for **Torani Amaretto Syrup** were mistakenly printed without the "D" (dairy) in the Kosher symbol. This product is certified kosher and dairy.

Back to Nature Gluten-Free Smoky Chipotle Vegetable and Quinoa bears an unauthorized OV symbol. This product is not under OV kosher supervision. As a general rule, the **OV symbol** (a V inside an O/circle) is the kashrus symbol of the Vaad Hoeir of St. Louis. Unfortunately, a number of companies use the same, or similar, symbol to indicate vegan or vegetarian status. Other examples are **Campbell's "Well Yes"** soups (not kosher), and **Fresh Finds Fried Onions** sold at Big Lots. Usually there is some indication on the label that the symbol is referring to vegan or vegetarian. In case of any doubt, contact the Vaad Hoeir of St. Louis at 314-569-2770 or chana@ovkosher.org.

All **Ferrara Candy Company** products made in Mexico, except for Atomic Fireballs and Jawbreakers, are not certified by UMKosher. Some packaging of other items erroneously bears a UMK. Also some Ferrara Candy Company products have the UMK symbol on the outer packaging on products no longer certified by the UMK.

Signature Select barley sold at **Jewel**, with the sell by date of August 18, 2018 or August 25, 2018, is infested with bugs, and must be checked before using. If already used, please call your local Rabbi. Additionally, the following brand with the following code dates have been found to be infested: **Jack Rabbit Barley** with code date 06Jul18L and 22Sep18L.

Tic Tacs are now certified as kosher by the Orthodox Union when bearing the OU symbol.

Amplify Foods' Skinny Pop Aged Cheddar Popcorn is certified cRc Dairy. **Amplify Foods' Skinny Pop** White Cheddar Flavored Popcorn is certified cRc Pareve. Always check the logo when purchasing these products.

Royal Indian Rice Style Basmati Rice Wood Fired Tandoor flavor sold at Costco bears an unauthorized OV symbol.

Bell Peppers from Israel (red, yellow, and orange) may be found in local stores. Consumers should always carefully check the fine print on the package, or the sticker on individual peppers, for the country of origin. Some additional examples of Israeli produce commonly found in the U.S. include tomatoes, carrots, citrus fruits (oranges, grapefruit, mandarins, clementines, and pomelos), persimmons ("Sharon Fruit"), mangos, dates, dill, and parsley. Please see our website for clear instructions on how to separate terumos and maasers from these products: [http://www.crcweb.org/kosher_articles/Terumah_Maaser_Separation_\(Dec%202016\).pdf](http://www.crcweb.org/kosher_articles/Terumah_Maaser_Separation_(Dec%202016).pdf)

Effective immediately, due to recent revelations regarding the knife sharpening process, the Chicago Rabbinical Council (cRc) **no longer recommends using the Cutco Kitchen store** at 3207 W. Lake Avenue, Wilmette, IL to sharpen kosher knives. Consumers are reminded that 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 for details.]

The cRc is proud to announce that **Sharpening By Dave** (www.SharpeningByDave.com) is now certified to sharpen kosher knives. Dave (and his wife) operate mobile knife-sharpening trucks and they visit numerous local farmers' markets (see <http://www.sharpeningbydave.com/apps/calendar/> for their calendar) throughout the year. They can also visit private events (such as block parties and shul gatherings) upon request. The cRc has received numerous requests from consumers looking for a kosher-certified knife sharpener, and we are happy to help the community with this request. Sharpening knives with non-certified knife sharpeners can raise numerous kashrus concerns, including improper cleaning, hot sharpeners, and kosher knives being swapped with non-kosher knives.

Most **Pretzilla** brand products, e.g. buns, balls, wreaths, soft pretzels, etc. are cRc-certified and pas yisroel, and bear the cRc symbol. However, some **Pretzilla** products, e.g. twists and Bites with Cheese Dip, are not certified and do not bear the cRc. Always check each label carefully.

Heinz has a number of OU-certified BBQ sauces. Three of them, **Kansas City Style**, **Memphis Style**, and **Texas Style** state "OU Fish" and contain anchovies. The amount of anchovies in these sauces is less than 1/60, and, therefore,

according to most Poskim, these sauces may be used with meat. Some Poskim, however, are stringent. Consult your Rav. Some “OU Fish” products contain more than 1/60 fish, and according to all opinions may not be used with meat. Some examples are **Lea & Perrins, Great Value, Market Pantry, and ShopRite brands of Worcestershire sauces**, which all state “OU Fish”. Brands of Worcestershire sauces that list anchovies and bear a plain OU contain less than 1/60 fish.

cRc certifies **Cabo Crunch**, produced by **Handfulls** as kosher dairy (cholv stam), in which the dairy ingredient is clearly stated in the ingredient and allergen panel. However the dairy designation next to the cRc logo was inadvertently omitted. Corrective measures are being implemented.

Birthday Cake Covered Pretzels and **Cotton Candy Covered Pretzels** from **Chocolate Works** is cRc dairy but is missing the “D” next to the cRc symbol.

Trader Joe’s All Natural Glatt Kosher Young Turkey bears the OU and KAJ symbols and USDA # P-1015. Its kosher status can be verified by the tiny engravings on the metal crimp sealing the bag.

A number of **Sara Lee** bread products will be discontinuing their certification. Please check the packaging before purchasing.

Many **variety bags of assorted individually wrapped candies** now in stores contain a mixture of kosher and non-kosher candies. Some of these assortments bear and OU or OU-D on the back of the bag after the ingredient listings of the kosher items. In the past this has caused confusion to some consumers who did not discern that the OU symbol refers only to that particular type of candy and not to the entire contents of the bag. The kashrus status of each specific type of candy must be carefully checked. Some examples include: **Hershey** – 80, 100, 150, and 175 Pieces, etc. assortments contain non-kosher Jolly Rancher items, along with kosher OU items. The bags bear a disclaimer on the back stating, “This bag contains kosher and non-kosher items.”; **Mars** – 40, 60, 90, and 250 Pieces, etc. assortments contain non-kosher Starburst and/or Skittles items, along with kosher OU items. These bags do not bear a disclaimer.

Kellogg’s cereals that bear a K are now OU-certified, except for Kellogg’s Mini-Wheats Unfrosted Cereal, which is not OU-certified, even when the package bears a K. Some Kellogg’s cereals do not bear a K and have never been and are not now kosher certified.

The Chicago Rabbinical Council welcomes the following **new companies during 2017** under cRc supervision:

4 Seasons Truck Wash, North Mankato, MN; **Advanced Extrusion**, Rogers, MN; Agropur Inc (Schroeder Milk Co., Inc.) Plant #27-421, St. Paul, MN; **Angie’s Kettle Corn North Mankato**, North Mankato, MN; **Angie’s Kettle Corn Reno, NV**, Reno, NV; **Bakkedahl Trucking**, Hayfield, MN; **Baldinger Bakery**, St. Paul, MN; **Birkat HaPesach**, Sderot, Israel; **Blommer Chocolate Manufacturing**, Shanghai, China; **Blue Diamond Tank & Truck Wash**, Le Mars, IA; **BoShuai Biotechnology (Tianjin) Co., Ltd**, Tianjin, China; **Braegelman Trucking**, Belgrade, MN; **Brooks Co.**, New Brighton, MN; **BRT Transport LLC**, Berlin, WI; **BTC Corporation**, Ansan-si, South Korea; **Café Excellence (E. Roast)**, Norristown, PA; **Calay Candy Co., Ltd** Company of Galaxy Group Jiangmen City, Jiangmen City, China; **Cameron’s Coffee**, Shakopee, MN; **Caribou Coffee**, Brooklyn Center, MN; **CHS Transportation**, Rosemount, MN; **Clariant Corporation Mt Holly**, Mt. Holly, NC; **Clariant Corporation Pasadena TX**, Pasadena, TX; **Country Maid**, West Bend, IA; **Countryside Transportation Service Truck Wash**, Sebewaing, MI; **Courtesy Products LLC**, St. Louis, MO; **Cut Fruit Express Inc.**, Inver Grove Heights, MN; **Daisy Brand - Wooster** (Plant #39-0221), Wooster, OH; **DanZstand**, Chicago, IL; **David Nells dba Sharpening by Dave**, Lindenhurst, IL; **DeCoty Coffee**, San Angelo, TX; **Dezhou Gaofeng Starch Co., Ltd**, Dezhou City, China; **Dimensions Music Inc dba DanZtand**, Chicago, IL; **Dough Dough**, Bloomington, MN; **Dr. In The Kitchen, LLC**, Bloomington, MN; **Drab Trucking Inc**, Darien, IL; **Dutch Country Packaging**, Shipshewana, IN; **Eagle Olive Oil**, Tébourba, Tunisia; **EMCO Chemical Distributors, Inc.**, Pleasant Prairie, WI; **Erpelding and Sons Trucking**, Algona, IA; **Esda Dairy LLC**, Powell, OH; **European Roasterie, Inc/National Coffee Roasters**, Le Center, MN; **Evita Argentinian Steakhouse LLC Catering**, Chicago, IL; **Firebird Artisan Mills - FO-ND, LLC**, Harvey, ND; **Flavorchem Europe Kft.**, H-2144 Kerepes, Hungary; **Fort Worth TEG dba Strataflex Midstream Corp.**, Oklahoma City, OK; **G.O. Fresh (Custom Cuts, Inc., MN)**, Minneapolis, MN; **Gary Jornov Trucking Inc**, West Sand Lake, NY; **Great Atlantic Trading**, Ocean Isle Beach,

NC; **Great River Organic Milling Company**, Cochrane, WI; **Greenwood Florida Office**, Brandon, FL; **Harcros Chemicals Inc.**, Thornton, IL; **Hastings Cooperative Creamery (Plant #27-092)**, Hastings, MN; **Hawkins, Inc.**, Roseville, MN, Roseville, MN; **Hernke's Transfer**, Cannon Falls, MN; **Hiland Dairy**, Little Rock, AR; **Hope Creamery**, Hope, MN; **Hydrite Chemical Co - LaCrosse**, LaCrosse, WI; **Hydrite Chemical Co. Trucking LaCrosse, WI**, LaCrosse, WI; **Identity Ag Processing**, Bloomer, WI; **IL Nuts, Inc. dba Yossef Roasting**, Miami, FL; **Interlink Transportation**, Le Mars, IA; **Java Frost Inc.**, Santa Ana, CA; **Jiangmen City Zhongjia Food Company Ltd**, Jiangmen City, China; **Jiaxing Huanya Packaging Co LTD**, Jiaxing City, Zhejiang, China; **Jonny Pops**, Saint Louis Park, MN; **Kalpsutra Chemicals PVT LTD**, Halol, India; **Kaybee Products Inc.**, Reading, PA; **Kemps LLC - Marigold/Kemps St Paul CORPORATE**, St Paul, MN; **Kenan Advantage Group CORP** (Transport Service, Landes/Lawson Trucking), Jacksonville, IL; **Kenan Advantage Group Landes Trucking Neosho Tank Wash**, Neosho, MO; **Kenan Advantage Group Landes Trucking Wash - Jacksonville**, Jacksonville, IL; **Kenan Advantage Group Lawson Trucking Wash - Gainesville**, Gainesville, GA; **Kenan Advantage Group Lawson Trucking Wash - Port Barre**, Port Barre, LA; **Klingberg Trucking, Inc**, Jordan, MN; **Korsmo Brothers Trucking, Inc**, Northwood, ND; **Larse Logistics LLC**, Gratiot, WI; **LB Transport, Inc**, Buffalo Center, IA; **LCL Stellar Express Inc. Wash Facility**, Owensboro, KY; **Maayans Sweet Delights**, Chicago, IL; **Maple Valley Organic Co-op**, Cashton, WI; **Marigold Inc. - University Park**, University Park, IL; **Marley Coffee**, Denver, CO; **Mille Lacs Wild Rice Corporation**, Aitkin, MN; **Mionix LLC**, Grain Valley, MO; **Mississippi River Distilling**, LeClaire, IA; **Mizrahi On Clark LLC**, Chicago, IL; **Nanjing Duoyuan Biochemistry Co., LTD**, Nanjing, China; **Nanocor, Inc.**, Aberdeen, MS; **NBC Contract Packaging**, West Chicago, IL; **North Bay Trading**, Brule, WI; **Nutrability Winsted, MN**, Winsted, MN; **Nutralliance, Inc.**, Yorba Linda, CA; **O.J. Tank Wash Inc.**, Lancaster, PA; **Old Home Foods**, New Brighton, MN; **Pan-O-Gold Baking Co. Fargo**, Fargo, ND; **Pan-O-Gold Baking Co. St. Cloud CORP**, St. Cloud, MN; **Pan-O-Gold Baking Co. Sun Prairie**, Sun Prairie, WI; **Performance Chemicals**, Franklin, NH; **Premium Waters**, Minneapolis, MN; **Prinova USA Aromas (South Plainfield, NJ)**, South Plainfield, NJ; **Private Label Coffee, LLC**, Green Bay, WI; **Private Label Products**, Fair Lawn, NJ; **Quala - Cincinnati OH**, Cincinnati, OH; **Quala - Elizabethtown, PA**, Elizabethtown, PA; **Roma Co LTD**, Long An Province, Vietnam; **Royal Farms Transport**, Wishek, ND; **Rustichella D`Abruzzo S.P.A.**, Pianella, Italy; **Schipp`s Pro Power Wash**, Albert Lea, MN; **Schmidt Trucking**, New London, MN; **Sea Organic, Ltd.**, Huaykwang, Thailand; **Shandong Shinho Food Industries Co., Ltd**, Laiyang City, China; **Sinopacker International Inc.**, Taichung City, Taiwan; **Sivertson Brothers LLC Trucking**, Menomonie, WI; **Steinbach Chemical Transport**, St. Cloud, MN; **Stepan UK Limited**, Stalybridge, England; **Stone Mill, LLC**, Richardson, ND; **Store & Haul, Inc. Truck Wash**, Van Wert, OH; **Store & Haul, Inc. Trucking**, Van Wert, OH; **Sun Antipasti**, Mornag, Tunisia; **Sunburst Chemicals, Inc**, Bloomington, MN; **Superior Carriers**, Karns City, PA; **Sweetner Supply Corp**, Reno, NV; **Tacos Gingi**, Skokie, IL; **Teasdale Foods, Inc. Atwater**, Atwater, CA; **Transitech, Inc.**, Fordyce, AR; **Traverse City Whiskey Co. - 14th Street - Traverse City**, Traverse City, MI; **TreeHouse (McGlynn`s) Lofthouse Bakery, Inc**, Minneapolis, MN; **TC Food Corporation**, Pingtung County, Taiwan; **Vedan Biotechnology Co., Ltd.**, Pitou Township, Taiwan; **Water Science Technologies, LLC**, Birmingham, AL; **Wilkie Trucking**, Medford, MN; **Woodland Transport Inc.**, Freeport, MN; **Xinfeng Xingda Activated Carbon Co., Ltd**, Ganzhou City, China; **Yibin GraceBIO Biological Technology Co., Ltd.**, Yibin City, China; **Yu Feng Industrial Group Co., LTD**, Xingtai City, China; **Zhangjiakou Yongchangyuan Kernel Food Co., Ltd**, Zhangjiakou, China; **Zion Kosher Market**, Brooklyn, NY

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