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## cRc Kosher Liquor List

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This list should not be used after October 30, 2010, at which time it will be reviewed and re-issued.



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**Approved products are not kosher for Passover unless noted as such on the individual label.**

**PLEASE NOTE: Not all energy drinks and alcoholic beverages such as certain lemonades are certified kosher.**

**Note:** Consumer should be careful to purchase all liquor from a store that either sold their chometz or is owned by a non-Jew. The cRc has verified that the only store in Ben Gurion Airport that has properly sold his chometz as well as not selling any chometz over Pesach 5770 is the James Richardson Store at Gate D7.

### **Beer**

#### **Unflavored Beers**

**All unflavored beers, domestic and imported, with no additives listed on the ingredient label are acceptable, even without a Kosher certification.** This applies to both USA and imported beers, including non-alcoholic and dark beers.

**Redbridge gluten-free beer from Anheuser-Busch is kosher and pareve.**

Many breweries are coming out with specialty brews that have additives; don't assume that all varieties are acceptable - check the label.

**Miller flavored beers (such as Lime) are NOT certified Kosher!**

**Mackeson Triple Stout Beer is not recommended due to the additives and its dairy ingredients!**

## Flavored Beers

The following flavored beers are currently certified Kosher (under the Vaad of Greater Detroit - even without a hechsher on the product).

<b>Saranac</b>	all products
<b>Brooklyn Brewery</b>	only those products produced in <b>Utica, NY</b>
<b>Pete's Brewing</b>	all products
<b>Matt Brewing</b>	all products

The following beers from Samuel Adams, The Boston Beer Company, are Star-K Kosher/Pareve, even without the Star-K on the label.

All products listed below are Yoshon if sell by date is no later than March 2010.

Black Lager	Blackberry	Witbier
Boston Ale	Boston Lager	Brown Ale
Cherry Wheat	Coastal Wheat	Cranberry Lambic
Cream Stout	Double Bock	Grain Hardcore
Hefeweizen	Holiday Porter	Honey Porter
Imperial Stout	Imperial White Ale	Irish Red Ale
Light	Midnight	Octoberfest
Old Fezziwig	Pale Ale	Raspberry
Spring Ale	Summer Ale	White Ale
Winter Lager		

The following beers manufactured by the Spoetzl Brewery under the Shiner label are certified kosher by the Orthodox Vaad of Dertoit, MI even without kosher logo on label.

Bock	Blonde	Bohemian Black Lager
Hefeweizen	Light	Holiday Cheer
Smokehaus	101	Frost1
Kosmos Reserve		

**The following beers are under the supervision of the Kosher Australia Party, even without any kosher marking on the label:**

- Coopers Sparkling Ale
- Coopers Best Extra Stout
- Coopers Special Old Stout
- Coopers Premium Lager
- Coopers Extra Strong Vintage Ale
- All varieties of Homebrew kits

## **Bourbon**

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**The following are some examples of recommended bourbons:**

Bookers	Maker's Mark
Basil Hayden	Old Crow
Bakers	Old Granddad
Evan Williams	Elijah Craig
Knob Creek	Wild Turkey (Not Wild Turkey <b>liqueur</b> )
Heaven Hill	Black Maple Hill
Jack Daniels	Four Roses
Jim Beam	Noah's Mill
Old Pogue	Rowans Creek
Woodford Reserve	A.H. Hirsch
Michters	Prichards
Bernheim	Parkers
Willet	Vintage Bourbon

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## **Brandy & Cognac**

**All brandy and cognac require certification since both are made from wine.**

Some Kosher Brandies:

Boukha Fig (OU)	Spirit of Solomon (Hisachdus-CRC)
Carmel (OU)	Tishbi (OU)
Herzog (OU)	

## Gin

**Gin with no flavors added is acceptable.**

(Note: **Sloe Gin** is a liqueur and requires certification.)

**Bombay Brand Sapphire Gin is currently being reviewed for possible kashrus issues and is not recommended until further notice.**

Gordon's Flavored Gin (all flavors) produced in the USA, is Kosher certified by the cRc.

## Liqueurs

Liqueurs generally have lower alcohol content and are, by definition, flavored drinks. Sometimes a liqueur is referred to as an aperitif or cordial.

**All liqueurs require certification.**

The following are some brands that bear certification on the label and may be used.

*Check the labels of each bottle and each flavor for the indicated certification. Some flavors from the sources listed below may be Dairy and will have a D next to the kosher symbol.*

Amaretto Disaronno (OU)	Kedem (OU)
Bartenura (OU)	Leroux (OU)
Carmel (OU)	Cointreau (No certification on bottle needed)
DeKuper (with OU or all listed on OU website)	
Honkes (MK - Montreal)	Monfort (OU)
Frangelico (OU)	Peter Cherry Heering (OU)
Starbucks OU even without designation on the bottle. White Chocolate is Dairy	Southern Comfort only with Badatz Basel and Badatz Beit Yosef on each bottle

Godiva (OU) - All should be considered as Dairy unless noted otherwise on each label.	Sabra (OU)
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Some popular brands that are not recommended:

Bailey's Irish Cream	Ouzo
B&B Liqueur	Sambuca
Benedictine	Southern Comfort - See above
Gold Schlager	Kirschwasser
Grand Marnier	Llord's (without hashgacha)
Wild Turkey Liqueur	Tia Maria
	Yukon Jack

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## Rum

Rum generally requires certification. The following are acceptable under the stated conditions.

<b>Bacardi</b>	<b>Unflavored Dark &amp; Light Only</b>
<b>Cruzan</b>	<b>Unflavored Dark &amp; Light Only</b>
<b>Iceberg</b>	<b>With OU on Label</b>
<b>Jumbi</b>	<b>With OU on Label</b>
<b>Don Q</b>	<b>With OU on Label</b>

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No certification required.

## Sake

Only recommended when bearing a reliable Kosher symbol.

Sensei brand sake is kosher when bearing an OU on the label.

## Scotch

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The following is a list of scotch that we have determined to be free of any questionable wines or casks. Other brands will be added in the future as we are able to determine that they comply with the cRc standards. Only the specific vintages/categories listed are recommended at this time.

Until we are able to expand the list, you may determine the kosher status of a particular scotch by checking the label and packaging of each particular brand, type and vintage and ascertain that it was not produced using any possible questionable methods. Some questionable methods include scotch aged in wine casks such as sherry, sauterne or port, dual casks, French casks, European casks, port finish, maderia finish, dual finish, triple finish, double matured and/or triple matured.

<b>Auchentoshan</b>	<b>Original, 16 Year</b>
<b>Ballantine's</b>	<b>Blended Scotch</b>
<b>Balvenie</b>	<b>15 Year Single Barrel</b>
<b>Bell's</b>	<b>Blended Scotch</b>
<b>Black &amp; White</b>	<b>Blended Scotch</b>
<b>Black Bottle</b>	<b>Blended Scotch</b>
<b>Chivas Regal</b>	<b>Blended Scotch</b>
<b>Cluny</b>	<b>Any age</b>
<b>Cutty Sark</b>	<b>Blended Scotch</b>
<b>Dewar's</b>	<b>Blended Scotch</b>
<b>Dimple Pinch</b>	<b>Blended Scotch</b>
<b>Dramguish</b>	<b>Any age</b>
<b>Famous Grouse</b>	<b>Blended Scotch</b>
<b>Glen Salen</b>	<b>Any age</b>
<b>Glenlivet</b>	<b>12 year, 15 year French Oak, Nadura 16 year, Nadura 191</b>
<b>Glenrothes</b>	<b>Alba</b>
<b>Glenmorangie</b>	<b>Original, Astar</b>
<b>Grant's</b>	<b>Blended Scotch</b>
<b>J &amp; B</b>	<b>Blended Scotch</b>

<b>Johnnie Walker</b>	<b>All varieties</b>
<b>McClelland's</b>	<b>Lowland, Speyside (Speyside 12, Highland and Islay are NOT certified kosher)</b>
<b>Royal Legacy of 1745</b>	<b>Any age</b>
<b>The Speyside</b>	<b>Any age</b>
<b>Tomintoul</b>	<b>10 year, 16 year, 33 year, Peaty Tang.</b>

## Soju (Korean liquor)

Only recommended when bearing a reliable kosher symbol.

## Tequila

Tequila is made from the agave cactus in Mexico.

According to Mexican law any tequila may be labeled 100% agave even though it contains no more than 51% actual agave alcohol!

However, based on research, the cRc has identified one type of tequila which is recommended even without a hechsher (Regular-White).

There are three types of tequila on the market:

- 1) **Regular-White** (also known as **Silver**) tequila **is recommended**. This clear tequila contains either 100% agave or a mixture of agave and sugar cane.
- 2) **Gold-Brown** tequila **is not recommended** without a reliable hashgacha. This darker tequila is aged for 3 months and may have color and flavoring added.
- 3) **Reposado** ("rested" ) (also known as **Special**) tequila **is not recommended without a reliable hashgacha**. It is aged for 6 months and in addition to concerns of color and flavoring, glycerin may be added for density.

Some acceptable Tequila brands:

Don Bernardo G (with OU)	Salusa
Campo Azul	Sol Dios Anejo (with OU)
Herradura	Sol Dios Platinum / Blanco (with OU)
Agave 99 (with OU)	El Diamante Del Cielo (with OU)

Stallion (with OU)	Tonala (with OU)
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## Vermouth

**Vermouth requires certification since it is made from wine.**

Kedem is the only brand readily available with a kosher symbol.

## Vodka

All Domestic (USA only) non-flavored vodka is acceptable. Imported vodka requires certification or confirmation of their approved kashrus status.

**Important:** This applies only to grain or potato vodka. Some vodkas are made with grapes or Whey and would need a reliable hashgacha.

**Van Gogh Vodka**, manufactured by the Luctor Company, in Orlando, FL, is approved. The ultra-premium vodka is manufactured by Dirkzwager in Holland. It states kosher under the supervision of the Holland Rabbinate. This kosher certification is for the following flavors – mint, pineapple, melon, blueberry, double espresso, espresso, pomegranate, orange, mango, coffee 19/90 XXO, banana, caramel and blue. Only this brand, from this importer, bearing the required labels is permitted.

The following **unflavored** imported vodkas are acceptable imports even without certification on the label:

Absolut	Kettle One
Belvedere	Provda (now has OU)
Chopin	Stolichnaya - (see below for flavored)
Finlandia	Vox
Iceberg (now has OU)	Van Gough (unflavored)
Yevreyskaya	Three Olives (from England)
Grey Goose	

**Ursus Flavored Vodka** is not certified kosher

**Absolut Flavored Vodka** Is now acceptable only with OU

**Putinka Vodka** both Pepper flavor and Limited Edition are kosher even without certification on the label.

## Gordon Vodkas

The following varieties are **cRc certified** even without certification on the label:

Citrus Flavored	Wild Berry
Orange	

**Stolichnaya Vodkas:**

The following varieties are acceptable, with OU on the label:

Cinnamon Flavored	Orange Flavored
Coffee Flavored	Peach Flavored
Gold Premium Imported Russian	Raspberry Flavored
Imported Russian	Strawberry Flavored
Lemon Flavored	Vanilla Flavored

**Smirnoff**

The following Smirnoff vodkas are acceptable even without the KSA on the label:

- Blue Label
- Red Label
- Silver label

The following Smirnoff products are acceptable, with KSA on the label:

**Vodka Twists / Flavors**

- Black Cherry
- Blueberry
- Citrus
- Cranberry
- Green Apple
- Lime
- Orange
- Raspberry
- Vanilla

**Strawberry Acai is NOT kosher!**

**Smirnoff Ice:**

- Arctic Berry
- Green Apple
- Pomegranate Fusion
- Raspberry Burst
- Watermelon
- Wild Grape

**Non -flavored Smirnoff Ice including the Smirnoff Ice and Smirnoff Ice Triple Black contain grape and are not certified Kosher.**

**Smirnoff Raw Tea:**

- Green
- Lemon
- Raspberry

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**Whiskey** (including Canadian, Irish, Ryes)

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**Any whiskey, including Irish Whiskey, that is aged in a wine cask, such as Sherry or Port, or aged in dual casks, European casks or French casks should be avoided as it is uncertain if these are kosher.**

**Blended Whiskeys are acceptable only with certification, unless appearing on the list below:**

Jamesons Irish Whiskey
Kellan Irish Whiskey
Midleton Irish Whiskey
Paddy Irish Whiskey
Power Irish Whiskey
Tullamore Dew Irish Whiskey (regular only- NOT those aged in sherry casks)
Canadian – Canadian Club (regular only - not Classic, Premium or Special Reserve)
Canadian Mist
Crown Royal Original and black Only - the cRc does not recommend the sherry cask version.
Gibsons (MK on label)
Seagram's (VO and 7 Canadian Blend only, not American Blend)
Wiser's

**Wines**

**All wines served at a cRc event, regardless of the location, host or caterer must bear acceptable certification and must be *mevushal*.**

Check bottles for an acceptable certification and a statement that the wine is *mevushal*. Many Israeli and French wines are not *mevushal*, so care must be exercised.

Carmel Wines from Israel must bear the OU on the label; some wines produced during the *shmita* year will not have the OU on the label.

Alfasi wine, from Chile, is under the OK certification but not all are *mevushal*. Each label should be checked.

## **Bar Stock Items**

Any bar equipment (strainers, shot measures, blenders, stir rods, shakers, etc.) used with non-kosher products should be properly kashered prior to use for a kosher affair.

**Olives** - green olives require certification, Domestic Black Olives packed in water, with no added flavors or colors are acceptable without certification on the label.

**Pearl Onions** - are pickled and require certification

**Lemon and Lime** - fresh lemon and limes used for slices, wedges and twists must be prepared using a kosher knife and on a kosher cutting board.

All **Tabasco brand hot pepper sauce** is acceptable as long as it bears a "K".

**Maraschino Cherries** - only with acceptable certification

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## **Drink Mixes**

**All Drink Mixes requires certification.**

Some brands available that are acceptable:

Coco Lopez (only when bearing OU)
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Goya brand Cream of Coconut - Although in the past, we have accepted product from Dominican
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Republic, future purchases should only be made of products bearing a reliable hashgacha.
Goya brand Coconut Milk –Although in the past, we have accepted product from Dominican Republic, future purchases should only be made of products bearing a reliable hashgacha.
Holland House ( only when bearing OU)
Jamaica John (only when bearing OU)
Jero (only when bearing OK)
Mr & Mrs T's ( only when bearing OU)
Rose's – grenadine and lime (only when bearing OU)
Daily's - (Only when bearing OU)

## Juices

**Most Require certification.** Ready-to-drink juices are made in factories that sometimes produce a wide range of products, mostly with hot production. There may be issues of dairy and non-kosher utensils even if the ingredients state that only a seemingly kosher fruit juice was used.

The following is a short list of some juices that are accepted by the cRc. If you do not see a particular brand or category listed, you should then assume that it would require a reliable hashgacha.

<b>Bottled Shelf-Stable Juices</b>	Only with a reliable hechsher
<b>Campbell Tomato Juice</b>	Only with the OU or the Half Moon K
<b>Dole</b>	Only with a reliable hechsher
<b>Florida Natural</b>	Orange Juice
<b>Frozen Juices</b>	All without grape juice or additives are acceptable
<b>Lemon Juice</b>	All require a reliable hashgacha (See Frozen)
<b>Lime Juice</b>	All require a reliable hashgacha (See Frozen)
<b>Minute Maid</b>	Orange Juice
<b>Orange Juice</b>	Only with a reliable hechsher (See other listings for additional information)
<b>Pineapple Juice (Canned)</b>	All not canned in China are acceptable
<b>Pomegranate Juice</b>	Only with a reliable hechsher

<b>Prune Juice</b>	Only with a reliable hechsher (unless otherwise accepted)
<b>Sunsweet</b>	Prune Juice
<b>Tomato Juice</b>	All require a reliable hashgacha
<b>Tropicana</b>	Only with a reliable hechsher
<b>V8 Juices</b>	Only with the OU or the Half Moon K

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