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CHODOSH STARTING IN BAKERIES, ETC

GUIDE TO CHODOSH

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REVISED CHODOSH DATE FOR GENERAL MILLS FLOUR FROM BUFFALO NY

MASHGICHIM AND CONSUMERS NOTE: The OU has revised the Chodosh starting date for at least one major flour mill, General Mills in the New York area. The new Chodosh date is now Aug 22 or shortly thereafter. This mill is one of the more popular sources of professional flour to bakeries and pizza shops in the New York area, including the All Tramp brand high gluten flour. Keep in mind that this early in the season, information is still subject to change. Nevertheless, we still keep to our earlier estimate that to be safe it is reasonable to assume that as of Aug 9, these freshly baked items may be Chodosh everywhere in the USA (MidWest after Aug 2), unless otherwise indicated by mashgichim or unless they were produced in facilities under hashgocho for Yoshon.

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THE FOLLOWING HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE THE AUG 7 BULLETIN

MASHGICHIM NOTE: We became aware last year that some pizza shops and other facilities that produce both Yoshon and non-Yoshon items may be using the same oven for both at the same time. Mashgichim should please check that this practice should not be allowed. They also should make sure that other keilim should not be used interchangeably between Yoshon and Chodosh items.

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The following Chodosh starting dates are based on the weekly crop bulletins from the US Department of Agriculture.

- 1) **Freshly baked items using spring wheat**, including breads, challahs, bagels, rolls, pizza and some cakes and cookies may be Chodosh in the Midwest after the PURCHASE DATE of Aug 2. Elsewhere in the US, this date would be Aug 9.
- 2) **Packaged foods from spring wheat** may be Chodosh after the PACKING date of Aug 2, or the PURCHASE date of Aug 16.
- 3) **Noodles and pasta** may be Chodosh after the PACKING date of Aug 15 and the PURCHASE date of Sept 1.
- 4) **Barley**, such as pearled barley, may be Chodosh after the PACKING date of Aug 2 and PURCHASE date of Aug 16.
- 5) **Oats**: Last year, according to the O-U all oats used in cereals had a Chodosh PACKING date of Sept 1 or later, PURCHASE DATE of Sept 15 or later. Exceptions to this included General Mills cereals such as Cheerios and Quaker oats made in the USA for which the Chodosh dates were later. We are waiting for an update on this for the forthcoming season from the O-U. Oats used in non-cereal products such as oatmeal cookies, may be Chodosh starting a PACKING date of Jul 26, PURCHASE date of Aug 9.
- 6) **Barley malt** (also listed in the ingredients as "malt") may be Chodosh as of the packing date of **Dec 15**. Package codes should be checked after the purchase date of **Jan 15** for **beer** and **Mar 15** for malt in other products.

The above dates are estimates of the earliest time that those items may already be Chodosh. In case of packaged goods, in most cases you may use last year's Guide to see what the package code is for the cutoff dates given. Just add 1 to the year given in those codes. Those who do not have last year's Guide may get last year's Guide by sending an email message to either [chodosh@sefer.org](mailto:chodosh@sefer.org) or to [chodosh@moruda.com](mailto:chodosh@moruda.com). We plan to issue a Preliminary Guide to Chodosh, BE"H, by early September which will contain the package codes revised for the new season.

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