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CHODOSH BULLETIN AS OF 2 SEPT 17

THE NEW PROBLEM WITH FLOUR

A few weeks ago a very large amount of Gold Medal flour was recalled because of salmonella contamination. As a result, the normal supply chain of wheat to mills has been upset, as mills are trying to get wheat to make up the shortfall. For the Yoshon consumer, this means that the rules that have helped us for the past many years may not be relied on, at least temporarily. This affects national brands such as Gold Medal flour from KC and Heckers and Ceresota flours. It may also affect some of the Jewish brands. Therefore, until further notice, any flour purchased in groceries for home baking can NOT be assumed to be Yoshon unless (1) they have a Yoshon label under hashgocho or (2) have a dating code to indicate that they were packed before Jul 29 '16. Some sample codes are given below.

WARNING ABOUT BARLEY: The O-U has warned that significant amount of worm contamination has been found recently in pearled barley. We have been warning in the Guide for years that barley must be checked for worms before use, all year around. PLEASE NOTE that this is not a Yoshon-related problem, since the worms have been reported even before the Chodosh season has started and no barley has yet been stored for Yoshon use.

NOTE TO MASHGICHIM: The revised Chodosh packing date for the Bay State flour mill in Clifton, NJ is Aug 22, not Aug 28.

SELECTED DATING CODES FOR ALL PURPOSE FLOUR

Gold Medal (all mills) Feb 7 '18.

Heckers and Ceresota Jan 29 '18

Pillsbury Jan 29 '18

Shoprite July 29 '17

Stop and Shop Jul 29 '18

For other brands and other types of flour, modify the code in last year's Guide as detailed below, or call the Hot Line.

THE FOLLOWING AS OF AUG 28 '16

In general, if you have last year's Guide, you can use the package cutoff code for any item given in last year's Guide and modify the date to conform to the packing dates given here for each type of grain, spring wheat, oats or barley. Just change the date and the year. If you do not have last year's Guide, you may get it by sending email to chodosh@moruda.com. To change the date, change the year in last year's Guide by adding 1. For oats (except those listed below) subtract 6 from the date, for wheat (not noodles and pasta) subtract 3 from the date, for pasta subtract 2 days, for barley, add 7 days. Note that any package with a Yoshon label is Yoshon, with the possible exception of some items where the hashgocho for kashrus in the Volover Rav.

THE FOLLOWING IS A STARTING SET OF CUTOFF DATES OR CODES AS THEY APPEAR ON PACKAGES BY MANUFACTURER. THESE DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE (MOST LIKELY CHANGE TO A LATER DATE)

-Quaker oats (hot cereals) Chodosh PACKAGING date Aug 31. Date on the package Feb 22 18.

-General Mills cereals, including all Cheerios. Oats Chodosh PACKAGING date Aug 31. Date on the package Sept 6 17. Wheat in all General Mills cereals is Yoshon. (Note that the OU is working to arrange that all Cheerios sold in Israel should be Yoshon till pesach. This is to be confirmed later.)

-Nature Valley Granola Chodosh PACKING date of Aug 31. Date on the bars (the date on the individual bars, not on the outside box) Sept 6, '17.

-Post cereals. Chodosh PACKAGING date for oats Aug 31, date on the package for oats is Aug 31 17.

-Shoprite oats Jan 20 '18

-Village Farms, Sturms oats Jul 20 '18

-Kemach, Taanug oats Jul 20 '17

THE FOLLOWING OF INTEREST TO BAKERIES AND THEIR MASHGICHIM (IT RELATES TO BAKERY FLOUR, NOT THE FLOUR YOU BUY FOR HOME USE). The mills listed here may continue to produce Yoshon after these dates by special arrangement.

-General Mills flour from Buffalo, NY may be Chodosh starting from Aug 29.

-Ardent Mills in Albany may be Chodosh starting Aug 12.

-Bay State Milling Clifton may be Chodosh Aug 22.