The cRc is collecting information about **kosher food served on airlines** so we can share their reliability with others before they travel. How can you help? On your next flight, please send a clear picture of the food served and the kosher logo, to [travel@crcweb.org](mailto:travel@crcweb.org) and be sure to include the name of the airline and cities you travelled between so that we will have enough information.

The OU has informed the public that **Unger's Pearled Barley**, in particular lot #26917 and #62318, has been found to be infested and should not be used without checking the product thoroughly. Measures are being taken to prevent the rampant infestation of the barley.

**Dasani Sparkling Beverages** are OU certified. The OU symbol does not appear on some cans. Dasani has the OU symbol next to the date stamp on the inkjet until new cans with the OU symbol can be produced.

**Conagra Foods, Inc.** has decided to change the status of **PAM Butter Flavor No-Stick Cooking Spray** (Code: B1-68) from OK Pareve to OK Dairy due to the addition of a dairy butter flavor. All other Pam products are Pareve.

A non-certified product appears in some boxes of **Philly Swirl Cups**. The candy coated spoons are not certified by the Orthodox Union, yet, the box bears an OU symbol. Notices were placed inside each box to notify consumers that only the ices are certified kosher, and not the spoons.

Many **Snapple** products are certified kosher by the OK, not all are kosher: Fruit Punch – NOT KOSHER, Snapple Cranberry Raspberry Juice Drink – NOT KOSHER. When buying the variety pack that includes these non-Kosher items, it is advisable to remove them immediately and dispose of them.

**Western Family** brand products bear an unauthorized BCK logo and are not certified kosher by the BCK Orthodox Rabbinical Council of BC: Frozen Chopped Spinach, Frozen Berry Blend, Frozen Dark Fruit Blend, Frozen Bite Sized Blend, Frozen Blackberries.

**Sprecher's Sodas** has an unauthorized Wisconsin K symbol on the outside of the boxes. Product has been seen at Sam's Club and possibly other places.

**Imperial Garden Organic Brown Rice, Edamame and Kale** is being sold in a display box that has an unauthorized OU symbol. The individual bags do not have an OU on them. This product is sold in some Costco stores (and possibly elsewhere).

**Your Fresh Market Herb Vinaigrette and Raspberry Vinaigrette:** These two products are not kosher, even when bearing a COR symbol.

**Nature's Garden Kid's Rainbow Trail Mix**, Cibo Vita, Inc. was mistakenly labeled as OK Kosher. It is not kosher.

**Cibo Vita Protein Fusion Mix**, Inc Fair Lawn, NJ is mistakenly bears the OK kosher symbol on the packaging.

**Mother's Maid Grape Juice** has some labels printed with an unauthorized OU symbol.

**Sabra Dipping Company** is marketing Party Platter Selects, available exclusively in Wal-Mart. The Party Platters include Sabra® Classic Hummus, Breadsticks, Salami and Cheeses. Please be advised that although the hummus is kosher certified, the Platters are not kosher, and do not bear the ok kosher symbol on the label.

**Family Size Ritz Crackers** is an OU-D product. Some of the packaging for the 12-pack Family Size Ritz Original Crackers with the UPC Code 4400004575 was printed without the OU D symbol. This product is kosher and dairy.
Jack's Snacks Vegan Nutty Energy Bar mistakenly bears the OK kosher symbol instead of the OK-DE kosher symbol.

Nutty Naturals Gourmet Mixed Nuts, mainly sold in Dollar Tree stores, mistakenly lists dairy ingredients in the ingredient panel. This product is Pareve and is correctly labeled Pareve.

Peachwave Frozen Yogurt stores are not certified by the Star-K. The use of the Star-K symbol in the stores is unauthorized.

Port Royal Premium Vegetarian Beans are certified by the OU but limited quantities of non-kosher beans were labeled with the Port Royal Premium Vegetarian Beans labels bearing the OU Symbol. The mislabeled product is being withdrawn from the marketplace. The properly labeled Port Royal Vegetarian Beans contain the letters “FDV” as part of the production code that is on the can.

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. [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 a Cutco-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.

There are several drink mix powders on the market that use the brand name of popular sodas (pops) on the market, such as Orange Crush and Hawaiian Punch. These are just brand names that were bought through a licensing process and have no connection to the actual soda company. They would all require a reliable kosher certification on each label.

The following products being sold in Wal-Mart Stores (products of Mexico) bear an unauthorized OK symbol: Great Value Steamable Broccoli & Cauliflower, Great Value Cut Broccoli, Great Value Steamable Broccoli Cuts, Great Value Broccoli Florets, Great Value Steamable Broccoli Florets, Great Value Steamable Broccoli Florets

Heinz has a new line of BBQ Sauces that are certified OU-Fish. These new sauces contain fish ingredients and are not suitable for use with meat.

Heinz Mustard (12.75 oz.) is inadvertently missing the OU symbol from the product label. This product continues to be OU Kosher certified. The OU will be incorporated into the ink-jet code on the cap until new labels can be put into circulation.

The Spinach and Cheese Borekas from Creation Foods bear an unauthorized MK PAREVE symbol. Furthermore, the company has had not had supervision as of FEBRUARY 2016.

Freihofer Bread is made by Bimbo. Many of their Freihofer breads are made in both kosher-certified bakeries and non-certified bakeries. The same name bread may appear in one store with an "OU" or a "KOF-K" and in another store with no hechsher, having been manufactured in a non-kosher facility. It is imperative to scrutinize the label.

Kool-Aid Jammers Drinks pouches in various flavors are not under kosher supervision. Only those Kool-Aid products that bear an OK symbol on the label are acceptable.

Prefer Products Brands, Inc. is packaging and distributing Royal Fine Foods Tahini To Go bearing an unauthorized OK kosher symbol on the packaging. This product is not certified by OK

MegaFlora products of the company FoodState Inc. are no longer under the certification of OK Kosher Certification: MegaFlora Plus 1218B Kids N Us MegaFlora 1219B, MegaFlora FL4200B Flora 5-14 Complete Care, Flora 20-14 Ultra Strength Flora 50-14 Clinical Strength, Flora 200-14 7 Day Intensive 1257B. All other Foodstate and Megafood products bearing the OK symbol are certified by OK Kosher Certification.
Scara’s New York Gourmet Italian Ice in the following flavors – Blueberry, Cherry, Lemon, and Sour Apple bears an unauthorized partial cRC logo (the surrounding triangle is missing). The product is kosher, however it was produced on Dairy Equipment. The Italian Ice varieties stated above should not be confused with the Scara’s Chocolate Sherbet, which is actually dairy, cholov stam.

Honest Kids Goodness Grapeness fruit drink is not certified by the OU. This product is being sold in 6 ounce cartons that were placed in large bags that bear an unauthorized OU symbol.

Honest Kids Super Fruit Punch is no longer certified by the OU. Some bottles were labeled with an unauthorized OU symbol. The affected product contains either one of the following production codes: APR2317BAC or APR2317BAD

Johnny Harris BBQ Sauce has discontinued certification of Savanah Kosher and should not be bought without certification. BBQ Sauces with certification on the label may still be purchased.

Dole Mango in Mango Pudding as an OU D-Dairy product. This product contains dairy ingredients as indicated in the ingredients and allergens statements. Some packaging was mistakenly labeled with a plain OU symbol.

Kirkland Signature Chilean Sea Bass has some packaging printed with an unauthorized OU symbol.

Brooklyn Brewery Beers that state on the individual bottle “Brewed & Bottled by The Brooklyn Brewery, Utica, NY are K-COR Detroit certified (even if the label does not yet bear the K-COR). Those that state they are brewed and bottled in Brooklyn, NY are not Kosher certified.

Protein Essentials Collagen and Gelatin Protein Supplements bear an unauthorized OK kosher symbol on the labels.

Mylanta brands are now Star-K certified when bearing the Star-K logo: Mylanta Liquid Antacid & Anti-Gas (Maximum Strength Classic, Maximum Strength Vanilla Caramel, and Tonight Soothing Honey Chamomile) and Mylanta Gas Minis (Assorted Fruit, Cherry, and Mint Tablets), distributed by INFIRST HEALTHCARE under license from McNeil Consumer Pharmaceuticals Co., on shelves throughout the US at National retailers such as Walmart and Walgreens.

FrozFruit Creamy Coconut Fruit Bars is an OU- Dairy product. This product contains dairy ingredients as indicated in the ingredients and allergens statements. Some packaging was labeled with a plain OU symbol without the Dairy designation.

Creatine Hydrochloride, distributed by Allmax Nutrition, bears an unauthorized KM certification on the label. The product contains gelatin.

Martina Tuna Chunks in Sunflower Oil are certified by the OU, however, Martina Tuna Chunks bearing the following codes were manufactured without OU supervision and bear an unauthorized OU: MN51NN ALNNBAZ together with any of the following codes 8EB10; 9ABCK; 9AB3K; 9AGCK; 9ACC; 9AC3M; 9AD3M; 9ADCM; 9AE3M; 9AF3L; 9AF3L; 9ALC; 9AM3K

Chocolatey Dipped Ice Cream cones, manufactured by Joy Cone, Hermitage, PA, bear an unauthorized STAR-K Pareve symbol. The cones are Dairy, non-Cholov Yisroel.

The KMD (Kashrut Maguen David) of Mexico has informed us that effective April 1, 2016 Kahlua liqueur is no longer produced under their certification.

Oregon Kosher no longer certifies I Heart Keenwah products. They are informing consumers that there are packages with both the kosher symbol and without at the following stores: TJ Maxx and Marshalls. Packaging with the kosher symbol were produced under their supervision and are certified kosher.

The following Lipton and Brisk products are certified as kosher and pareve and do not require a kosher certification on the label: Black Tea Mango, Cherry Limeade, Chilled Black Tea Lemon, Chilled Green Tea Peach Mango, Chilled Lightly Sweetened Sweet Tea, Chilled Sweet Tea, Dragon Fruit, Extra Sweet, Green Tea with Mixed Berry, Green Tea Peach Mango, Green Tea with Honey, Half & Half Iced Tea & Lemonade, Iced Tea & Blueberry Lemonade, Iced Tea
Ginseng Honey, Iced Tea Honey, Peach, Iced Tea with Peach, Iced Tea Pomegranate Blueberry, Lemon, Mate Cherry, Mate Mango, Naturals, Not Too Sweet Peach, Not Too Sweet Green Tea with Honey, Peach, Pineapple Passionfruit Tea, Raspberry, Sweetened, Tea with Lemon, Tea & Lemonade, Tropical Lemonade, Unsweetened, Unsweetened Chilled Tea, White Tea with Raspberry

Some varieties of Ferrara Pan Candies are no longer certified by the UMK. Packaging with the UMK symbol is still certified. Please make sure to check each package for the UMK symbol.

The Orthodox Union certified Costco’s Kirkland Select Farmed Atlantic Salmon with 4% Salt and Water Solution (Raw and Frozen, a.k.a. “Costco Salmon”), made in Norway. Some of this product is being sold in packaging that does not have the OU symbol. Please note, that this product is manufactured under the supervision of the Orthodox Union and is kosher for year-round and Passover use.

The following CHODOSH information comes from Rabbi Yoseph Herman. (HOT LINE 718-305-5133, EMAIL yherman@earthlink.net) THE OFFICIAL START OF THE NEW CHODOSH SEASON HAS BEGUN! The Chodosh season has begun this year somewhat earlier than usual due to the agricultural conditions in the growing areas.

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 Jul 29. Elsewhere in the US, this date would be Aug 12. 2) Packaged foods from spring wheat may be Chodosh after the PACKING date of Jul 29, or the PURCHASE date of Aug 12. 3) Noodles and pasta may be Chodosh after the PACKING date of Aug 13 and the PURCHASE date of Aug 27. 4) Barley, such as pearled barley, may be Chodosh after the PACKING date of Aug 9 and PURCHASE date of Aug 23. 5) Oats: Oats in all products, including cereals, may be Chodosh starting with a PACKING date of Jul 20, PURCHASE date of Aug 3. (The known exception is for General Mills cereals including all Cheerios, for which the Chodosh packing date is July 31 or later.) 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 Dec 15 for beer made from barley malt and Mar 15 for malt in other products. Even though Pesach was late on the solar calendar this year, still almost all of the 3 crops of interest were planted after Pesach and are Chodosh. The early harvest this year is due to weather conditions in the growing areas.

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