



# Kashrus Alert!

## Chatam Sofer Hechsher

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### Products with the Hashgacha of Badatz Chatam Sofer Bnei Brak (Free Translation of Rabbi Shmuel Eliyahu's Letter)



In response to the many that have inquired regarding the status of Badatz Chatam Sofer Bnei Brak, a representative of the Chatam Sofer Bnei Brak kashrut certification appeared before the national kashrut committee of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel which oversees imports. During the hearing conducted for him and the Aloun brothers (two brothers that over saw the certification of Chatam Sofer Bnei Brak products in France and Spain), it became clear that the certification for wine, brandy/ cognac, fish products, butter, and cheese products was given based on supervision and oversight that did not exist, relying on reports from unreliable and uninformed individuals (the Aloun brothers), that have no Kashrus knowledge. These products are certainly not "Mehadrin", and there is serious concern that they are not kosher at all.

It is important to publicly announce that it is forbidden to use any imported product of the above listed items (imported from France and all wines from Spain), with the Chatam Sofer Bnei Brak certification, even if it states "Mehadrin min HaMehadrin" (strictly kosher). Even if it says "approved by the Chief Rabbinate of Israel." These products should be thrown into the trash or returned to the store they were purchased from.

**Rabbi Shmuel Eliyahu - Cheif Rabbi of Tzefat**  
**Member of the national kashrut committee of the**  
**Chief Rabbinate of Israel which oversees imports.**



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בס"ד

### מוצרים בהכשר בד"ץ חתם סופר בני ברק – דינם לפח

לשאלת רבים בנוגע לכשרות חתם סופר בני ברק, נציג כשרות חתם סופר בני ברק הופיע בוועדת כשרות היבוא הארצית של הרבנות הראשית לישראל. בשימוע שנעשה לו ולאחים אלון הסתבר כי ההכשר ליין, ברנדי, מוצרי חמאה וגבינות ניתן על סמך השגחה שלא הייתה, על סמך דיווח מאנשים שלא אמינים ולא מבינים בכשרות. המוצרים הללו בוודאי לא מהדרין, ויש חשש שאינם כשרים כלל.

חשוב לפרסם ברבים שאסור להשתמש בשום מוצר מיובא כנ"ל שיש עליו חותמת של חתם סופר בני ברק אפילו אם כתוב עליו "כשר למנהדרין מן המהדרין". ואפילו אם כתוב עליו "באישור הרבנות הראשית לישראל". את המוצרים הללו צריך לזרוק לפח האשפה או להחזיר לחנות שנקנו ממנה.

בברכה,

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It is important to note that the Hechsher below is found on many products that also have the Chatam Sofer hechsher on them. However, since it is a reliable hechsher, the product is fine. In general, at times a product may have multiple Hechsherim on it. As long as there is one that is reliable, the product is acceptable.

בהשגחת  
הרב יוסף יצחק פנעוונער  
מתחילת החליבה  
עד סוף העשייה  
כשר למנהדרין

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