



KASHRUS UPDATE

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KASHRUS AWARENESS CONCERNING JUICES AND DRINKS

MANUFACTURED ON SHARED EQUIPMENT

Due to recent research and findings with drink production, in conjunction with all major Kashrus Authorities in the country, it has come to light that it is quite common for manufacturers/bottling plants to share the same machinery and production lines, including pasteurisers, for all fruit juices, including **grape juice** (תמוס יונם) and for **milk** (חלב עכו"ם).

This obviously leads to numerous שאלות, therefore for the benefit of the Kehillah and to clarify the numerous inquiries we receive, we have put together a partial list of some juices and drinks where this is relevant to. This list is not comprehensive, and as more information becomes available, we will Bs"d try to keep this updated.

The following share production lines with non-kosher drinks:

- Innocent
- KA
- Ocean Spray
- Shloer
- Sunpride
- Tropicana

Anything manufactured by 'Refresco UK Ltd' or 'Princes Group PLC' in Cardiff, Wales, is also produced on shared equipment.

CONTAINING GRAPE JUICE ETC.

Furthermore, it is very important to be aware that many fruit juices actually **contain** Grape Juice [or their derivatives]. This is written in the ingredients.

Therefore, **all juices** including Apple or Orange, especially Fruit Shoots and *Tropical juices* etc. should be checked that they do not contain Grape Juice [or Tartaric Acid].

These include: *Robinsons - Blackcurrant- double strength no added sugar, Spar/Euro shopper- Tropical juice drink, Starbucks- Refresha Drinks, Vimto, [Diet cherry coke, Diet lemon and Lime coke, Sprite].*

Please be aware, that the plain Apple and Orange juice served on **Air France** actually contains between 17% to 24% of grape juice!

Please note: one should always check products for their Hechsher or at least their ingredients, before purchasing.

BEER AND VODKA

After much research it has been verified that **Unflavoured Beer** from the **large breweries** do not present a problem of kashrus.

However flavoured beers, beers from craft breweries or beers from smaller breweries (even when craft is not mentioned) should not be drunk without a reliable Hechsher.

Similarly, all **plain vodkas** [except for 'Milk Vodka' or vodka made from grapes-which would then be written on the bottle] do not present a problem of kashrus.

However flavoured vodkas should not be drunk without a reliable Hechsher.

It is always preferable wherever possible, to purchase products bearing a reliable Hechsher.