



GENERAL YOSHON NEWS

Chodesh Tov!

This is the last newsletter for this *Chodosh* Season! We will still send out any pertinent news, updates or alerts, but it is usually quiet after *Pesach* until a few weeks before the new *Chodosh* Season starts in July.

It is a good idea for anyone who is on any of our Yoshon.com WhatsApp Groups to stay on your group instead of leaving, as it is not going to be very active during the “off-season”. We will still be monitoring the groups for general questions, but usually it is very quiet.



RECENT YOSHON UPDATES

March 9, 2023 – UOS of South Africa Yoshon Update

A short update of two items:

“**YOSHON BULLETIN #11** 16 Adar **5783** / Mar '23

1. **Frangelicas** is **no longer** keeping Yoshon – as of from today.
2. **Snowflake** flour with the letters “**DBN**” is Yoshon with the production date **no later than 13 02 23.**”

To see the original bulletin, the Direct Download Link is below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/UOSYoshonUpdate-11-3-9-23.pdf>

(Source: UOS)



February 23, 2023 – Status for South African Oats and Barley Has Changed

A Bakery, Barley and Oats are all changing status. Tiger brands continue to remain *yoshon* for now. The Direct Download link is below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/UOSYoshonUpdate-10-2-23-23.pdf>

(Source: UOS South Africa)



YOSHON PRODUCT OR ESTABLISHMENT ALERTS



March 3, 2023 – Haddar Pretzel Entry on Yoshon.com

Due to the confusion on the lot codes we had provided, we are simply returning to putting them as “Yoshon with ‘Yoshon’ Label”, even though it has been noted that Haddar rarely if ever puts a “Yoshon” label on their packages.

For those who are completely familiar with how date and lot code formats work, below is an example of the date code format listed on the package. This example is what the cutoff date would be, if we were to have it on the site:

**004 23 B 0Z
230 00:00 AM**

First line: **004 23 B 0Z** (Best By 004=January 4, 23=2023, B 0Z=Unimportant)

Second line: (Has no year) **230 00:00AM** (Lot Code 230=August 18, 00:00AM=Unimportant time of production)

Anything earlier than these dates are *yoshon*, but what makes it more confusing is that Haddar does not put a *year* of production, so even though the Julian Dates 001 through 062 (January 1st through March 3rd) is earlier than 230 (August 18th), it is for the *following year*.

Added to the issue, is that different size bags likely have different shelf life times, so even the best by date (shown on a larger bag of pretzels) may not be the same for all sizes of bags. Try putting all of this in a simple format so that newcomers can understand it!

(Source: TYNI)



March 2, 2023 – Gefen Noodle Soups Issue Revisited

It has been erroneously stated by some sources that Gefen Noodle Soups in Cups and brick packs are “Always Yoshon”. Just to clarify, we received this statement from Star-K, backing up the information that we have on our site:

“The last yoshon production was in Tamuz. There was a production after that and it was NOT yoshon.”

(Source: Star-K)



February 28, 2023 – Major Kemach Yoshon Update

It has been a while, but all Kemach products are currently updated in this pdf, including the much sought-after Sugar Puffed Wheat. They are being updated on our site today, and once updated will show “Updated As Of February 28, 2023”.

The Direct Download link is below:

<https://yoshon.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/KemachYoshonUpdate-2-28-23.pdf>

(Source: Kemach Food Products Corp.)



RECALLS AND ISSUES AFFECTING YOSHON OR POTENTIALLY YOSHON PRODUCTS

March 16, 2023 – Manischewitz Vegetable Soup Mix Infestation Alert

“Manischewitz Vegetable Soup Mix with Mushrooms Lot H2060 with a best buy date of 03 01 2024 has been found to be infested and should not be used.”

Originally reported in *Baltimore Jewish Week*

(Source: Kashrut.com)



March 13, 2023 – Jason Brand Kosher for Passover Panko Crumbs Infestation Alert

“Jason Brand Kosher for Passover Panko Crumbs with a Best Buy Date of Dec 20 2023 has been found to be infested and should not be used. Consumers with other expiration codes should examine the container for holes or other obvious signs of infestation.”

Originally reported in *Baltimore Jewish Week*

(Source: Kashrut.com)



March 3, 2023 – Kemach Vegetable Soup Mix Infestation Alert

The OU put out a notice on infestation:

“Infestation has been found in the Vegetable Soup Mix with Mushrooms, Lot #bb 09212024 h2264. Product should be returned to place of purchase for a refund.”

(Source: OU)

Kol Tuv,
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