

YOSHON BULLETIN #1 5785

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WHAT IS YOSHON?

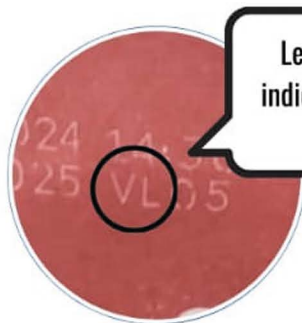
The Torah (Vayikra 23:14) forbids using the new crop of grain (known as Chadash) before the second day of Pesach. Until this date only the past season's produce may be used. Yoshon literally means "old" and refers to the previous season's grains. This restriction applies to 5 types of grain (wheat, barley, oats, rye and spelt). There is a dispute between the Halachic authorities whether this also applies outside of Israel, and even in Israel, whether it applies to the crops of non-Jewish farmers. Many Halachic authorities rule that these restrictions do not apply outside of Israel, and consequently Kosher SA does not require our food services and manufacturers to adhere to these stringencies.

For those who wish to follow the more stringent opinion, we compile an ongoing list which will assist in making observance of this mitzvah easier. The only way to avoid using any Chadash products containing these grains is by stockpiling enough of these products to last until Pesach. However, before Pesach arrives infestation may occur. Therefore, if you want to keep Yoshon, make sure to store flour etc. in the freezer and other products in a cool, dry place. Also check carefully for infestation before use.



Initially wheat flour, pasta, wheat grains, and cereals containing wheat are affected. Barley and oats become affected only later in the season. During the season (usually from October - April in the Southern Hemisphere), we issue regular bulletins as new information becomes available.

REFERENCE GUIDE - HOW TO READ THE CODES ON THE PRODUCTS



Letters in the alphanumeric code indicate the location of the factory where it was produced

With code PMB
With code RFN
With code WC
If the 2nd last digit of the 1st line is B
If the 2nd last digit of the 1st line is D
If the 2nd last digit of the 1st line are KR, M, PE
With the letters "CTA" or "CTB"
With the letters "DBN"
With the letters "VI"

When your product isn't listed, use this production date

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ALL OTHER PRODUCTS NOT LISTED ABOVE THAT CONTAIN WHEAT, USE THE FOLLOWING DATE:
E.G. WHOLE-WHEAT GRAINS, BRAN OR ANY OTHER BRANDS OF FLOUR

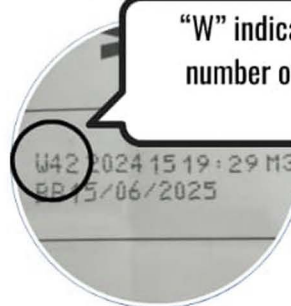
SAMPLE CODES



"MAN" OR "PD" indicates the date of production

14 Nov 2023
27 Oct 2023
15 Nov 2023

"W" indicates which week number of the year it was produced



Anything other than W08-W16
W17-W44
W17-W50
10 Oct 2023
Still Yoshon
16 Nov 2023

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1. FOOD SERVICES

Please note that certain food services might change status unexpectedly – please look out for an update and/or a notice to this effect at the premises. **Any food service not listed below should be assumed to not be yoshon.**

YOSHON FOOD SERVICES					
BAGEL ZONE	CORNER CAFE	G&T EVENTS	MAXIS	PHAT LARRYS	SHOSHANAS BAKERY
BURGER & BREW	DEEJAYS PERCELIA	GELATISSIMO	MICHELOS	PNP FAIRMOUNT (BAKERY ONLY NOT DELI)	SLICES PIZZA
BURGER PARK	FEIGELS	GENESIS BISTRO	MOISHIES	PNP NORWOOD	TAKE THE CAKE
CATERING BY RIVA	FOOD BY FLAVOURS	JENNY DINER	NANDOS	RTG + NEXT DOOR	TIBERIUS
CHANA'S DELI	FRIENDS BAKERY	KOSHER PLATE	ORITS BAKERY		TWO FRIENDS

2. RETAIL PRODUCTS

The following products are Yoshon when bearing production or manufacturing dates **not later than:**

CATEGORIES	BRAND	PRODUCT NAME OR DESCRIPTION	FACTORY CODE OR ADDITIONAL INFO	PRODUCTION DATES/CODES
BARLEY	ALL KOSHER BRANDS	BARLEY		STILL YOSHON
CEREALS	ALPEN	NUTRIFIC		STILL YOSHON
	BOKOMO	ALL CEREALS		STILL YOSHON
	JUNGLE	TAYSTEE WHEAT		STILL YOSHON
	KELLOGGS	ALL CEREALS		STILL YOSHON
	PNP	BRAN FLAKES		STILL YOSHON
CONES	HERMES	ALL CONES		STILL YOSHON
FLOUR OR PREMIXES	EUREKA	FLOUR & PREMIXES		STILL YOSHON
	GOLDEN CLOUD	FLOUR & PREMIXES		STILL YOSHON
	INA PAARMAN	PREMIXES		STILL YOSHON
	PNP & WOOLWORTHS	FLOUR		STILL YOSHON
	SASKO	FLOUR & PREMIXES		STILL YOSHON
	SNOWFLAKE	FLOUR & PREMIXES	FIRST LETTER OF ALPHANUMERIC CODE IS "C"	05 NOV 2024
			FIRST LETTER OF ALPHANUMERIC CODE IS "D" OR "V"	STILL YOSHON
SUPREME	FLOUR		01 NOV 2024	
OATS	ALL KOSHER BRANDS	OATS		STILL YOSHON
PASTA PRODUCTS	ALL KOSHER BRANDS	PASTA	ONLY IF PRODUCED IN SA	STILL YOSHON
PHYLLO PASTRY	ALL KOSHER BRANDS	PHYLLO PASTRY		STILL YOSHON
OTHER BAKED GOODS	ANAT	PITA, WRAPS, CHIPS, PUFFS	ONLY IF PRODUCED IN JOHANNESBURG	STILL YOSHON
SAUCES	PRIMOLITOS / SAUCALITOS	SAUCES		STILL YOSHON
	SAUCE-A-LICIOUS	SAUCES		STILL YOSHON
VEGETARIAN PRODUCTS	FRY'S	ALL PASTRY PRODUCTS		STILL YOSHON
		ALL OTHER PRODUCTS		STILL YOSHON
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3. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS

The following products are Yoshon when bearing production or manufacturing dates **not later than:**

CATEGORIES	BRAND	PRODUCT NAME OR DESCRIPTION	FACTORY CODE OR ADDITIONAL INFO	PRODUCTION DATES/CODES
FLOUR	FOODCORP/ RCL	FLOUR	INDUSTRIAL SIZE BAGS WITH SMALL NUMBER 306 OR LESS	01 NOV 2024
	SASKO INDUSTRIAL	FLOUR		STILL YOSHON

4. UNAFFECTED PRODUCTS

Chodosh is not expected to affect the following products at all this year:

UNAFFECTED PRODUCTS					
BEER	PRONUTRO (UNLESS CONTAINS WHEAT)	BISTO GRAVY POWDER	RICE KRISPIES (ANY BRAND) (UNLESS CONTAINS WHEAT)	CORN FLAKES	ROYAL BAKING POWDER