

Consumer Alert

Mention of a product or company in *Consumer Alert* does not imply a recommendation by *KASHRUS Magazine*. Readers are urged to decide with help of their rabbi which food products to use and upon which supervision to rely.

The following *KASHRUS Magazine* alerts have been reported to the relevant *kashrus* agencies. In some cases no notification has been made to the public except for what appears on the pages of *KASHRUS Magazine*, *Kashrus Monthly*, and our website, *kashrusmagazine.com*. Please request of the agencies to publicize these elsewhere.

SPECIAL ALERTS

Full Circle Assorted Frozen Shrimp Products (Topco Associates LLC- Skokie, IL) bear an unauthorized "OU" symbol and are not certified kosher by the Orthodox Union. Corrective action is being taken.

Until October 2008, **Ruffles Thick Cut Creamy Dill Potato Chips**, made in Canada, will be manufactured at 2 facilities, one kosher and the other NOT kosher-certified. Product coming from the non-kosher plant will not bear the "COR" symbol. Packages produced at the kosher plant will bear the "COR" symbol with "dairy" designation. Please check the label carefully when purchasing this item.

Flora Italian Breadcrumbs (12/24 oz., UPC# 2003800119; Flora Foods- Pompano Beach, FL) bear an unauthorized "OU" symbol and are being withdrawn from the marketplace. This problem had first been announced in 2006. In 2008, new packages bearing the unauthorized "OU" appeared. Consumers spotting this product are requested to contact the Orthodox Union at 212-613-8241 or via email at kshalerts@ou.org.

UNAUTHORIZED

Garden Vitamin D3 Granular (manufactured by Zhejiang Garden Biochemical High-Tech Co., Ltd. - Zhejiang, China); Distributed by PAT Vitamins Inc. - Walnut, CA), an industrial product, contains non-kosher ingredients, yet is bearing an unauthorized "OU" symbol and should not be used in kosher production. *Kashrus* agencies are encouraged to contact the Orthodox Union at 212-613-8241 for more information.

Prince Mac & Cheese Dinner (UPC# 0 41129 01050 1; New World Pasta- Harrisburg, PA) bears an unauthorized "OU" symbol and is being withdrawn from the marketplace. Consumers spotting

STRAWBERRIES UPDATE

The issue with **strawberries** is again in full swing. As reported in the October issue of *KASHRUS Magazine*, leading *kashrus* experts in the field note extremely high levels of thrip infestation in strawberries originating from many parts of world. Research has shown that most washing systems are inadequate to rid strawberries of thrips. As a result, **some kashrus organizations in the US and Canada have disallowed the use of strawberries**, others require very time-consuming and cumbersome efforts, making it virtuously impossible for a regular person to guarantee that they have sufficiently cleaned their strawberries. Some restaurants and caterers using strawberries are shifting to use shaved strawberries. Consumers will wish to know how strawberries are being prepared at a given establishment.

See a complete video of what can remain after a thorough washing and cleaning of strawberries.

<http://tinyurl.com/6e37zq>

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Beacon Rose and Lemon Turkish Delight has been reformulated and is **no longer kosher**, even when bearing the Beth Din logo. Beacon have removed the Beth Din logo from future reprints, and have apologized for the confusion.