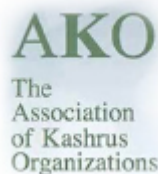


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Pandemic Causes Some to Lose Kosher Certification



Teaneck NJ...One organization that is tracking every nuance of the pandemic's effect on kosher is the Association of Kashrus Organizations (AKO) headed by Rabbi Sholem Fishbane of the cRc in Chicago. Rabbi Fishbane related some interesting developments brought to his attention by Rabbi Ari Senter of the Kof-K Kosher Certification. Rabbi Senter noted that certain factories cannot obtain the kosher raw materials (e.g. cheese) that they need for production. In addition, some plants have expanded the range of products they make, as they adjust to different demands from clients. As a result, some products have lost certification or had a change in status (e.g. pareve to dairy). In these cases, the Kof-K has told the manufacturers to change the product code for the "new" items. This will mean that clients will be unable to order the kosher/pareve product they always did and that will alert them to the change in status. Additionally, he asked if hashgachos could communicate these sort of changes to one another using phone or email (rather than solely relying on the UKD) so that people will realize the changes which have happened.

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