

New York's Kosher Law Protection Act

The new law requires that consumers of food represented as kosher in New York be provided with information identifying the person or organization certifying that food as kosher.

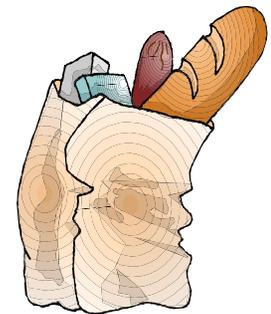
The information must be provided by producers, processors, packers, distributors and retailers distributing or offering for sale in New York food certified as kosher. They must file with the Department the name, address and phone number of the person or organization providing the kosher certification.

Persons certifying non-prepackaged food as kosher must file with the Department a statement of their qualifications for certifying food as kosher. Food establishments and caterers who prepare kosher food on their premises must complete, display at their place of business and file with the Department, a Kosher Certification Form prescribed by the Act.



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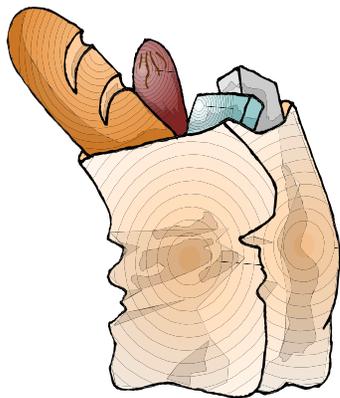
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If you are a consumer who wants to...

- search for kosher-certified food products,
- identify the kosher certifier of a product,
- view a kosher certifier's qualifications, or
- look at the kosher certification filing of a food establishment or a caterer

Go to
www.agmkt.state.ny.us/kosher

Starting in January 2005, you will be able to view New York's Kosher Registry and search for information by product name, certifier or food establishment.



If you are involved in the kosher food industry...

as a producer, processor, packer, distributor or retailer of kosher food products, as a certifier of kosher food products, or as an operator of a food establishment who prepares kosher food, you may need to file product and certifying information with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. To do so, as of December 1, 2004 you may go to www.agmkt.state.ny.us/kosher and electronically file or update the information required by the Act.

The responsibility for registering the person or organization who certifies a food as kosher and for filing information about products offered for sale as kosher depends on whether or not the food is in package form. A food is in package form when it is not intended to be consumed at the point of manufacture and is packaged in advance of sale in units suitable for retail sale.

If the food is in package form, the producer or distributor must register the name, address and phone number of the person who certified the food as kosher with the Department.

If the food is not in package form, the person who manufactures, processes, packs or sells it must register the name, address and phone number of the kosher certifier with the Department. Examples of non-packaged food include: nuts sold in bulk, repackaged potato salad from the deli, store baked breads and fresh meat.

Kosher certifiers who certify non-packaged food must file with the Department a statement of their qualifications to provide kosher certification. The statement may include background, training, education, experience and any other information that shows the kosher certifier's qualifications.

Food establishments, restaurants and caterers that prepare and sell food as kosher on their premises must file the name, address and phone number of the kosher certifier with the Department. They must also complete a "Kosher Certification Form," file it with the Department and post the form in their establishment in a location readily visible to consumers.

If any of the information filed with the Department changes, the person who filed it must notify the Department of the changes as quickly as possible.

The above requirements take effect January 9, 2005. Forms will be available on-line as of December 1, 2004 at www.agmkt.state.ny.us/kosher or can be mailed to you by calling 718-722-2852. Filings must be done 30 days in advance of offering or distributing food as kosher in New York.