



KASHRUS CONNECTION

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Dairy Bread Crumbs

Bread crumbs are processed as follows:

1. They are made into crackers.
2. They are made into bread loaves.

After baking, the items are ground and processed into bread crumbs. Some industrial varieties are processed with dairy ingredients. The *Vaad Halacha* has determined that these items are not considered dairy breads due to the following reasons: The initial baking of the bread was done with the explicit intention of processing the breads into bread crumbs. The breads, prior to grinding, are never available to a consumer; therefore, we judge the breads by their final outcome and not by the temporary state in which they were a dairy bread or cracker.

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Reading the Ingredient Panel

Can one tell the *kashrus* of a product by reading a list of ingredients?

The list of ingredients is not enough. A product can be made on equipment which was used for non-kosher foods, which would require a *kashrus* agency to *kasher* the utensils prior to the manufacturing of the *kosher* product. An ingredient panel might say "flavors"; this can mean anything at all, since the government does not require the company to specify the source of the flavors that go into their product.

Nonetheless, there are some products which may be bought without such a symbol, such as non-flavored seltzer, non-flavored tea, and unflavored bottled water.



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