

Beer

Unflavored Beers

All unflavored beers, domestic and imported, with no additives listed on the ingredient label are acceptable, even without a Kosher certification.

This applies to both USA and imported beers, including non-alcoholic and dark beers.

Many breweries are coming out with specialty brews that have additives; don't assume that all varieties are acceptable - check the label.

Flavored Beers

The following flavored beers are currently certified Kosher (under the Vaad of Greater Detroit - even without a hechsher on the product).

Saranac - all products

Brooklyn Brewery - all are under Vaad with the exception of "local 1" Brand

Pete's Brewing - all products

Matt Brewing - all products

The following beers from Samuel Adams, The Boston Beer Company, are Star-K kosher/pareve, even without the Star-K on the label.

Black Lager	Holiday Porter
Boston Ale	Light
Boston Lager	Octoberfest
Brown Ale	Old Fezziwig
Cherry Wheat	Pale Ale
Cranberry Lambic	Spring Ale
Cream Stout	Summer Ale
Double Bock	White Ale
Hefeweizen	Winter Lager

Bourbon

Straight Bourbon (Sour Mash is a variety of Bourbon) are acceptable.
Some examples of Bourbons are:

Bookers	Knob Creek
Maker's Mark	Old Weller
Basil Hayden	Jack Daniel's
Old Crow	Wild Turkey
Bakers	Jim Beam
Old Granddad	

Brandy & Cognac

All brandy and cognac require certification since both are made from wine.

Some Kosher Brandies:

Boukha Fig (OU)	Tishbi (OU)
Spirit of Solomon (Hisachdus-CRC)	Herzog (OU)
Carmel (OU)	

Gin

Gin with no flavors added is acceptable.

(Note: **Sloe Gin** is a liqueur and requires certification.)

Gordon's Flavored Gin (all flavors) produced in the USA, is Kosher certified by the cRc.

Liqueurs

Liqueurs generally have lower alcohol content and are, by definition, flavored drinks. Sometimes a liqueur is referred to as an aperitif or cordial.

All liqueurs require certification.

Brands that bear certification on the label and may be used:

Check the labels of each bottle and each flavor for the indicated certification. Some flavors from the sources listed below may be Dairy and will have a D next to the kosher symbol.

Amaretto Disaronno (OU)	Frangelico (OU)
Kedem (OU)	Peter Cherry Heering (OU)
Bartenura (OU)	Starbucks OU even without
Leroux (OU)	designation on the bottle. White
Carmel (OU)	Chocolate is Dairy
Kahlua Liquor only with OU	Godiva (OU) - White Chocolate, Milk
Honkes (MK - Montreal)	Chocolate & Caramel are Dairy
Monfort (OU)	Sabra (OU)

Not Recommended Liqueurs:

Bailey's Irish Cream	Kirschwasser
Ouzo	Llord's (without hashgacha)
B&B Liqueur	Gold Schlager
Sambuca	Grand Marnier
Benedictine	Tia Maria
Southern Comfort	Yukon Jack
Cointreau	

Rum

Rum generally requires certification.

Bacardi (unflavored varieties) is acceptable without a kosher symbol on the label.

Don Q Rum (including flavored) **only with OU**

Rye

No certification required.

Sake

Only recommended when bearing a reliable Kosher symbol.

Miyako Brand – Sake - OU

Takara Sake - Koshu Masamune - OU

Sho Chiku Bai - Sake Kasu - OU

Sho Chiku Bai - Nama Sake Made

With Organic Rice - OU

Sho Chiku Bai - Nama Sake - OU

Sho Chiku Bai - Sake Light - OU

Senryo Mirin - Senryo Mirin B - OU

Sho Chiku Bai - Sake Extra Dry - OU

Takara Sierra - Sierra Cold Sake - OU

Takara Masamune - Sake Regular - OU

Sho Chiku Bai - Sake Regular -OU

Sho Chiku Bai - Premium Ginjo Sake - OU

Sho Chiku Bai - Premium Junmai Sake - OU

Scotch

There are two types of Scotch commonly available, Blended and Single Malt.

Only those on the list below are approved for use.

Macallen Scotch and Balvanie 12 year doublewood Scotch is NOT recommended.

A. Scotch/Blended

Chivas Regal

Johnny Walker (all labels)

Chivas Royal Salute

Rob Roy (All)

Cutty Sark

The Dimple Pinch

Dewar

White Horse Extra Fine

William Grants

J&B

White Horse Fine Old

B. Scotch/Single Malts

Auchentoshan

Glenmorangie (10 & 18 year)

Ballantine's

Highland Park

Balvenie (10 & 15 year)
Inchmurrin
Benriach
Isle of Jura
Bowmore (only up to the 17th year)
Knockando
Cardhu
Lagavulin
Cragganmore
Laphroaig
Dalmore
Longmorn
Dailuaine Single Malt
Loch Dhu
Dalwhinnie (all varieties)
Oban
Glenkeith
Royal Coachman
Glen Garioch
Glenlivet Nadurra (16 year)

Royal Lochnagar (all varieties)
Glen Kinchie
Scapa
Glen Moray
Speyburn
Glen Ord
Strathisla
Glen Rothes
Talisker
Glenfiddich
Tamdhu
Glenfiddich - Solero Reserve (15 year)
The Edradour
Glengoyne
Tomintoul
Glenlivet (12, 15, 18 & 21 year)
Tullibardine

Soju (Korean liquor)

Only recommended when bearing a reliable kosher symbol.

Tequila

Tequila is made from the agave cactus in Mexico.
According to Mexican law any tequila may be labeled 100% agave even though it contains no more than 51% actual agave alcohol!

However, based on research, one type of tequila has been identified which is recommended even without a hechsher (Regular-White).

There are three types of tequila's on the market:

- 1) **Regular-White** (also known as **Silver**) tequila **is recommended**. This clear tequila contains either 100% agave or a mixture of agave and sugar cane.
- 2) **Gold-Brown** tequila **is not recommended**. This darker tequila is aged for 3 months and may have color and flavoring added.
- 3) **Reposado** ("rested") (also known as **Special**) tequila **is not recommended**. It is aged for 6 months and in addition to concerns of color and flavoring, glycerin may be added for density.

Some acceptable Tequila brands:

Don Bernardo G (OU)
Salusa
Casavores

Sol Dios Anejo (OU)
Herrudura
Sol Dios Platinum / Blanco (OU)

Vermouth

Vermouth requires certification since it is made from wine.

Kedem is the only brand readily available with a kosher symbol.

Vodka

All Domestic (USA only) non-flavored vodka is acceptable.

Important: This applies only to grain or potato vodka. Some vodkas are made with grapes, and would need a reliable hashgacha.

Imported vodka requires certification.

The following **unflavored** imported vodkas are acceptable imports even without certification on the label:

Absolut	Finlandia
Kettle One	Vox
Belvedere	Iceberg (now has OU)
Provda (now has OU)	Grey Goose
Chopin	Yevreyskaya
Stolichnaya - (see below for flavored)	Three Olives (from England)

Absolut Flavored Vodka

Is now acceptable **only with OU**

Putinka Vodka

both Pepper flavor and Limited Edition are kosher even without certification on the label.

Gordon Vodkas

The following varieties are **cRc certified** even without certification on the label:

Citrus Flavored	Orange
Wild Berry	

Stolichnaya Vodkas:

The following varieties are **acceptable**, with OU on the label:

Cinnamon Flavored	Raspberry Flavored
Orange Flavored	Imported Russian
Coffee Flavored	Strawberry Flavored
Peach Flavored	Lemon Flavored
Gold Premium Imported Russian	Vanilla Flavored

Smirnoff Vodkas:

The following varieties are **acceptable**, with KSA on the label:

Blue Label
Red Label
Silver label

Vodka Twists:

Black cherry
 Blueberry
 Citrus
 Cranberry
 Green Apple

Lime
 Orange
 Raspberry
 Strawberry
 Vanilla

Smirnoff Ice:

Arctic Berry
 Green Apple
 Pomegranate Fusion

Raspberry Burst
 Watermelon
 Wild Grape

Whiskey *(including Canadian, Irish, Ryes)*

Blended Whiskeys are acceptable only with certification, unless appearing on the list below:

Bushmills Irish – (all except Green label)
 Canadian – Canadian Club (regular only - not Classic, Premium or Special Reserve)
 Canadian Mist

Crown Royal (all)
 Gibsons (MK on label)
 Irish – Jameson (all varieties)
 Seagram’s (VO and 7 Canadian Blend only, not American Blend)
 Wiser’s

Wines

Check bottles for an acceptable certification and a statement that the wine is *mevushal*. Many Israeli and French wines are not *mevushal*, so care must be exercised.

Carmel Wines from Israel must bear the OU on the label; some wines produced during the *shmita* year will not have the OU on the label.

Alfasi wine, from Chile, is under the OK certification but not all are *mevushal*. Each label should be checked.

Bar Stock Items

Any bar equipment (strainers, shot measures, blenders, stir rods, shakers, etc.) used with non-kosher products should be properly kashered prior to use for a kosher affair.

Olives - green olives require certification

Pearl Onions - are pickled and require certification

Lemon and Lime - fresh lemon and limes used for slices, wedges and twists must be prepared using a kosher knife and on a kosher cutting board.

All **Tabasco brand hot pepper sauce** is acceptable as long as it bears a "K".

Other Pepper Sauces - Durkee or French's with OU on label.

Maraschino Cherries - only with acceptable certification

Drink Mixes

Drink Mixes requires certification.

Some brands available that are acceptable:

Coco Lopez (only when bearing OU)
Goya brand Cream of Coconut -
when labeled "Product of Dominican
Republic"
Goya brand Coconut Milk – (when
labeled "Product of Dominican
Republic")

Holland House (only when bearing
OU)
Jamaica John (only when bearing
OU)
Jero (only when bearing OK)
Mr & Mrs T's (only when bearing OU)
Rose's – grenadine and lime (only
when bearing OU)

Juices

Require certification.

Ready-to-drink juices are made in factories that produce a wide range of products, mostly with hot production. There are issues of dairy and non-kosher utensils.

Some acceptable brands that are locally available are listed below, along with the certification that must appear on the container:

Apple Juice - Dole (K), Kedem (OU), Langers (OU) Indian Summer (K), IFP (cRc)

Cranberry Juice - Kedem (OU), IFP (cRc), Langers (OU) Jewel (OU),

Grapefruit Juice - Tropicana (OK), Jewel (cRc)

Lemonade - Jewel (cRc)

Orange Juice - Tropicana (OK), Jewel (cRc), Dole (K), Dominick's-half gallon (cRc), Minute Maid **These all only apply to Orange juice and not necessarily to other varieties.**

Pineapple Citrus - Dole (K)

Tomato Juice - Heinz (OU), Red Gold (OU), Hunts (OK), Sysco "Citrus Valley" (OU), Sacramento (OU)

Popular Liqueurs – Not Recommended

B & B Liqueur
Chantreuse
Midori
Stock from Italy
Bailey's Irish Cream
Cointreu
Ouzo
Swiss Kirschwasser
Benedictine
Cristal AguaDriente
Raki
Tia Maria
Bols

Dubonett
Sambuca
Yukon Jack
Campari
Galliano
Schlink Haus Kabinett
Carolans
Grand Marnier
Sheridans
Chambord
Hiram Walker Liqueurs
Southern Comfort