

דרך קצרה

Brief summaries of cRc Kashrus Policies

SHIP HOLDS

Certain liquid products, such as coconut oil from the Far East, come to the United States in the holds of huge tankers (ships). Each tanker might have dozens of holds into which thousands of gallons of product are filled (directly into the hold, not in any type of container). There are three primary concerns when kosher products are transported in this manner:

1. Did this hold previously carry a non-kosher product, such as lard? [It usually does not, but there are meticulous records which can be used to verify this].
 - If it did, was the cleaning procedure done between products good enough to qualify as a *kashering*? It usually does not.
 - If not, did the hold remain empty for 24 hours between products? It

usually does since it typically takes more than 24 hours to clean a hold between products.

Is there value to knowing that the previous three loads were kosher? This will be discussed in a future installment.

2. Is there a non-kosher product being transported in the adjacent hold at the same time as this product? [There usually is not]. If there is, do the two holds share a common wall or is there a cofferdam (space) between the holds? [Usually there is no cofferdam, and they share a wall].
3. Is this product heated with steam that is also used to heat non-kosher products in other holds on the ship?

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