

דרך קצרה

Brief summaries of cRc Kashrus Policies

מילוי ועירווי

The general rule is that *kovush* causes *ta'am* to be absorbed into the full thickness of the container (כבוש כמבושל). But *Shach* shows that in four cases – *chametz* before *Pesach*, *stam yayin*, kosher meat, or kosher dairy – we follow a more lenient opinion which states that *kovush* only causes *ta'am* to be absorbed into a thin layer (כדי קליפה). If one of those four lenient *issurim* was *kovush* in a tank, the tank can be *kashered* using a method known as *milui v'irui*.

As with all *kashering*, a prerequisite is that the container be thoroughly cleaned, but there is no need for it to be *aino ben yomo*.

The *kashering* itself requires that the container be filled with water three times. Each time, the container must be completely filled with water, and the water must remain in the container for at least 24 hours. After 24 hours have elapsed, the water is removed from the container and should be discarded. The filling (*milui*) and emptying (*irui*) must be repeated two more times so that there are a total of three fillings. Each filling must last for at least 24 hours and

leaving water in during one filling for more than 24 hours does not allow a subsequent filling to last less than 24 hours. The three fillings of the container do not have to occur on consecutive days.

Milui v'irui can be performed with any liquid (i.e., not just water) except if it is the same

as the *issur* was. For example, if kosher milk had been *kovush* in a tank, *milui v'irui* can be accomplished by filling the tank with alcohol, but if the tank is being *kashered* because it was used to store non-kosher wine (i.e., *stam yayin*) then alcohol cannot be used.

Shulchan Aruch says that an alternative way to *kasher* tanks which are eligible for *milui v'irui* is with *hag'alah*, and *Rema* clarifies that one can be satisfied with *irui kli rishon*. Additionally, we have

seen that *milui v'irui* assumes that *ta'am* was only absorbed into a thin layer (כדי קליפה) of the container. Therefore, if a layer can be scraped-off from the interior of the tank, that removes all the forbidden *ta'am* and the tank can be used without any further *kashering*.

Chalav Stam

In DK 16 we saw a disagreement between Rav Belsky and Rav Schachter whether, in making decisions regarding *kashering*, *chalav stam* should be treated as *heter* (since we certify *chalav stam*) or *issur* (since some consumers buying pareve products are strict regarding *chalav stam*).

Nonetheless, Rav Belsky and Rav Schachter agreed that in this case the tank could be *kashered* as per the more lenient assumption if 24 hours elapsed between the *chalav stam* and pareve uses. Rav Schachter held if the tank is *aino ben yomo* then the food subsequently produced in that tank is pareve *l'chatchilah*, and the *hashgachah* can satisfy their "personal" requirement to *kasher* the tank by *kashering* it based their position that *chalav stam* is *heter*. Rav Belsky reasoned that in this case we can rely on *Shach's* position that *kovush* of any *issur d'rabannan* has the more lenient status noted above. Although, *Shach* does not appear to remain with this position, Rav Belsky held that we could rely on it since many contemporary *Poskim* permit *chalav stam* outright.



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132. After *kovush* of which liquids is *milui v'irui* effective?

Chametz before *Pesach*, *stam yayin*, kosher meat, and kosher milk. Kosher milk includes *chalav stam*, assuming there will be at least 24 hours between the time when the item was used for dairy (*chalav stam*) and when it will be used for *pareve*.

133. Which liquids may be put into a container to effect *milui v'irui*?

Any liquid. The only exception is that it cannot be the same type of liquid as the

non-kosher liquid that had been stored in this container.

134. Are these suitable as alternatives to *milui v'irui*?

a. *Hag'alah*?

Yes

b. *Libun kal*?

Yes

c. *Iru'i kli rishon*?

In cases of *b'dieved* or שעת הדחק

d. Scrape off a layer?

Yes

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