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A Note from Badatz Mehadrin

After speaking with Rabbi Ze'ev Paccino, the area supervisor for Badatz Mehadrin (Rabbi Rubin), he stresses that one should/must read a store's teudah.

At times, the coverage is not all-inclusive and reading the kashrus certificate will prevent one from making decisions based on false assumptions.

Once such store is Dovi Dagim, which has a hechsher on frozen and fresh fish not wrapped in factory sealed packages under the supervision of other agencies.

All the products sold in the store are under a legitimate mehadrin hechsher, but the rabbi explained that is not equivalent to saying that Badatz Mehadrin is responsible for everything sold.

A photo of the teudat hechsher appears in the photo section of the RBS/BS 5770 Kashrus Guide and it is quite clear and self explanatory.

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As Rosh Hashanah approaches, many/most teudot hechsher will expire. While kashrus organizations should have replacements in place in time to prevent even the appearance of a lapse in coverage, the reality is somewhat different and in many cases, a store will still have coverage but the certificate on the wall is expired.

We checked with Rabbi Mendel Rabinowitz, the Eida Chareidis supervisor for RBS, who assures us that Eida stores in the area with an expired certificate before the yomtov are fine. One wishing to be absolutely certain is encouraged to contact the mashgiach or the Eidah (if for no other reason than to show that the RBS and BS shopper cares! Consumer power works!).

Regarding other agencies, we so far are assuming that the same is true, but again, to be sure, you should/can call.

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