

TASTE TRANSFER: SOAKING

NON-SPICY/NON-CHARIF SOAKING: 24 HOURS OR MORE

Non-Spicy/Non-Charif Soaking: Transfers Taste to Utensil/Container

A non-spicy/non-charif liquid or food with any liquid (enough to pour, but that may be even one drop) that sits for 24 hours or more will transfer gender or non-kosher status to its container.

SITUATION Dairy or meat liquid-containing food is in pareve container.

STATUS Container will become dairy or meat (regardless of intention).

EXAMPLES

- Milk sitting in a pareve mug for 24 hours or more would make the pareve mug dairy.
- Chicken soup sitting in a pareve stoneware bowl for 24 hours or more would make the bowl meat.

NOTE This does not apply to any type of cold glass container and the food and the container remain kosher.

Non-Spicy/Non-Charif Non-Kosher Soaking: Makes Kosher Food Non-Kosher

Any non-spicy/non-charif, non-kosher food that soaks (in water or any other liquid) with kosher food for 24 hours or more will render the kosher food non-kosher.

SPICY/CHARIF SOAKING: LONG ENOUGH TO BE COOKED

Spicy/Charif Soaking: Long Enough To Be Cooked: Food and Utensil

Food soaked in brine, vinegar, or any spicy liquid for long enough to be cooked if heated on a burner or in an oven will absorb or transfer gender or non-kosher status from/to any utensil used with it.

SITUATION Neutral/pareve food in brine, such as spicy pickles or spicy olives, sits in a container for long enough to become cooked.

STATUS

- If the container is dairy, the food will become dairy.
- If the container is meat, the food will become meat.

NOTE You may not eat this formerly pareve food with food of the opposite gender.

SITUATION A pickle with spicy/charif pickle juice is placed into a dairy utensil/container (even if unused) for long enough to become cooked.

STATUS The pickle will become dairy and may not be eaten with meat.

NOTE This example does not apply to any type of glass container.

NOTE Food soaked in brine by a non-Jew does not become subject to bishul akum.

NOTE Even if the utensil had not been used for more than 24 hours, a spicy/charif food will “revive” the gendered or non-kosher taste in the utensil. The utensil will then make the food gendered or non-kosher. Consult a rabbi for possible exceptions.