

## KASHRUS ADVISORY

### Instructions for properly peeling fresh pineapples

When peeling pineapples, one should be careful to trim off enough of the peel so that none of the brown holes from the peel remain in the fruit.



Incorrect – few brown holes from peel on fruit



Correct – no brown holes on fruit

Rinse the fruit before serving. If using the pineapple crown for decoration, care should be taken that it should not come into contact with any fruit.

The **brown** holes have been found to often contain mites (tiny insects) and, on occasion, mealybugs (small scale insects). There is no need to refrain from using fresh pineapples or pineapple products, as the infestation is on the outside of the fruit only. However, if the fruit is peeled in a manner where the holes are part of the fruit to be eaten, there is a halachically significant chance that insects may be present in the brown holes. There are no insects of any kind in the natural holes of the fruit.