## **SHATNEZ LABORATORY**

## CONSUMER ALERT

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## Recall on Men's Sweaters



Many black men's button-down, 100% merino wool sweaters were found to contain linen threads in the seams. These sweaters, from the beginning of the current fall season, were made in China and had no brand name. The RN # was 56495.

Though there are several models of this sweater, only the plain black one without diamonds, cables or ribs were found to contain linen threads.

When the shatnez was discovered in Nov '09, the distributor (Steinbest) claimed that it had recalled the sweaters. We have recently verified this recall to be far from true. None of the New York stores were informed.

Unfortunately many Jewish owned stores have been or are currently selling these sweaters unaware that they are Shatnez.

100% MERINO EXTRAFINE WOOLWOLLE/LANA DRY CLEAN ONLY RN#49801 Steinbest informed the Chinese manufacturing company of the linen that was found in the sweaters. The company reassured the proprietors that no linen would be used in the new production. However, when the new production arrived bearing the RN # 49801 some were found to contain linen.

**In Conclusion:** Plain Black men's button-down 100% merino wool sweaters made in China, bearing RN # 56495 or RN# 49801 should not be worn unless they are tested by a Professional and Certified Shatnez Laboratory. The assurance of the storeowners should be disregarded.

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