

SHATNEZ LABORATORY

CONSUMER ALERT

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Oven Mitts & Pot Holders

The label read as follows:

“This label is affixed in compliance with the upholstered and stuffed articles act

This article contains new material only.

*Content: Reclaimed Fibers
Made in China”*



Oven mitts and potholders are often insulated or quilted with reprocessed materials that can contain Shatnez (i.e., threads and scraps of wool and linen).

When purchasing oven mitts, the consumer can readily determine if there is a Shatnez problem. The insulation material is usually exposed inside the mitt at the seam. A pure white or off-white stuffing is not a problem. If the stuffing material is colorful, i.e. contains colored threads and fibers, it is reprocessed material and should be avoided.

The Shulchan Aruch (Yoreh Deah 301:12) clearly states: “You should not use a garment that contains shatnez as a protection for your hands when taking something hot.” Potholders and gloves, which serve to protect one’s hands, may not be Shatnez!

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