



About KCSA

Kosher Certified South Africa was established in 2021 as a Kosher certifying Agency.

Under the authority of Rav HaMachshir Rabbi Avigdor Bokow, KCSA provides the South African Kosher Community and Kosher industry at large, both local and international, with kosher certification at affordable rates. KCSA takes pride in ensuring optimum levels of compliance to halachic standards of kashrus. As a community supported initiative, KCSA is committed to values of integrity, transparency, accountability and commitment to service.



Rabbi Bokow - Rav Hamachshir (Certifying Rabbi)

Rabbi Avigdor Bokow worked in the USA with Rabbi Berel Levy Of Blessed Memory during the early years of the world renowned OK Kosher Certification.

Coming to South Africa in 1983, he further served as a community Rabbi for close on 40 years while also working extensively with the Beis Din of the Union Of Orthodox Synagogues in mediation & kashrus, as well as leading the Mehadrin Commission shechita for over 20 years. Rabbi Avigdor Bokow further travelled the world and studied various different methods of Kashrus in London, Israel, & the USA.

With over 40 years experience in the kashrus industry Rabbi Avigdor Bokow brings vast knowledge and credibility to KCSA.



Inspectors & Board Members

Velvy Bokow and Aharon Bogatie both qualified as kosher supervisors through the AKO approved Kosher Institute of America.

Further guidance and mentoring under Rabbi Yossi Baumgarten in industrial related kashrus, combined with their previous extensive experience of over 10 years in kashrus in factories, food services, wine making and in particular specialist knowledge in running kosher safaris ensure that KCSA have a wealth of knowledge in a wide array of the kosher industry.

Velvy and Aharon are both further advancing their kashrus knowledge through study under Rabbi Avigdor Bokow.

Velvy and Aharon are also responsible for the day to day and overall operational management of KCSA.

Under their direction KCSA are experiencing consistent and stable growth and now supervise and certify over 80 companies across Southern Africa. KCSA added 30 new companies to its list in 2025.



Aharon Bogatie



Velvy Bokow

Getting Certified with KCSA

For your convenience KCSA has made kosher certification simple and achievable. KCSA commits to a fast turnaround time, affordable rates and flexible payment options.

As a value added benefit KCSA will assist with introducing your kosher certified brand and products to the kosher consumer and the kosher markets.

With ongoing support from our team KCSA are committed to prompt response times (usually within 24 to 72 hours) thereby keeping you informed and connected.



6 Simple Steps to KCSA Kosher Certification

1. Application

Request your application forms by emailing:

koshercertifiedsouthafrica@gmail.com

Once your forms are filled in and submitted, our KCSA team will assess your ingredients, products and processes.

A nominal non refundable R4500 application fee will apply

2. Precertification Site Inspection

Once application evaluation has been completed KCSA will move to perform a pre-certification site inspection.

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Reg Number: 2022 / 704982 / JN
Tax Number: 5557757184

KOSHER CERTIFICATION APPLICATION FORMS

1. Company Name _____
2. Trading Name (if different from above) _____
3. Company Reg. Number _____
4. Company Vat Number _____
5. Date of Establishment _____
6. Period of Current Membership _____
7. Industry Category _____
8. Physical Address (S. HALL, S. JORDAN, CITY, PROVINCE, COUNTRY) _____
9. Landline Telephone Number _____
10. Home Address _____
11. Cell Number for Company _____
12. Size of manufacturing / establishment facility in SQ. METERS _____
13. Number of Production sites: If the applicant has more than 1 production site please list all production sites addresses _____

14. Do you currently and/or did you previously within the last 12 months manufacture any products that contain grape / juice / wine / or any grape based ingredients? If yes please specify _____


TERRA MADRE
COLD-PRESSED JUICE



SEASONING

A nominal R4500 pre-certification site inspection fee will apply to cover travel costs. (Depending on site location and distance this fee may vary.)

3. Quote and Contract

Once deemed kosher compliant at your manufacturing site KCSA will provide a quote and contract. The quote for KCSA licensing fees may vary depending on levels of Kosher complexity and frequency of required inspections.

4. Signing and Submitting of Contract and Payments

The contract is signed and submitted. Once payment arrangements have been concluded the process moves to step 5.

5. Draft Certificate

KCSA will send a draft of the kosher certificate for you to check that all products and company details etc are all correctly listed.

6. Certificate Signing

Once you have approved the draft certificate the finalized and signed certificate will be sent to you.

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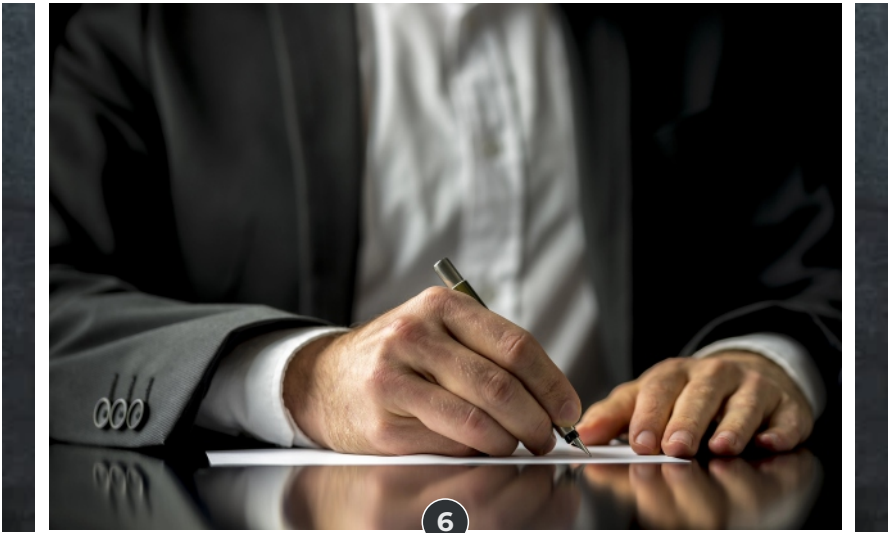
RE: KOSHER CERTIFICATION OF [REDACTED] **PTY LTD**

It is to inform that the following products produced by [REDACTED] located at [REDACTED] GAUTENG, SOUTH AFRICA are hereby Kosher certified for a 1 year round (NOT INCLUDING Passover). The below listed products are KCSA Kosher Certified with or without a KCSA logo / sticker. This KCSA Kosher Certified certificate is valid till 31 DECEMBER 2025.

Awari Original Espresso Blend	250g, 1kg	FAREV
Certified Blend	250g, 1kg	FAREV
African Espresso Blend	250g, 1kg	FAREV
Robusta Espresso Blend	250g, 1kg	FAREV
Awari Original Filter Blend	87g, 100g, 250g	FAREV
Executive Espresso Blend	1kg	FAREV
Premium Espresso Blend	1kg	FAREV
Restaurant Espresso Blend	1kg	FAREV
Decaf Blend	250g, 1kg	FAREV
Gourmet Filter Blend	87g, 100g, 250g	FAREV
Tanzania Single Origin Filter	200g	FAREV

For any enquiries, please email enquiries@kcsa.org.za / koshercertifiedsouthafrica@gmail.com or WhatsApp: 0734431644

Rawil Machshir
Rabbi Avigdor Bokov



Applying - Important Info You Need to Know

You will need to fill in forms that include:

- Company information such as location and other contact details
- Directors details
- Comprehensive listing of ingredients, finished product listings including the various different packaging sizes
- 3rd parties involved in the manufacturing and or packaging processes.
- There is a nominal non refundable application fee that must be paid together with the submitting of the application forms. This is to cover the costs of the resources required to evaluate the ingredients, products and processes.
- There are no extra monthly licensing fees for adding on new products and the price you pay remains the same regardless of how many products or quantities of the products that you manufacture.
- You do not pay extra for usage of the KCSA logo.
- There is an annual increase on license fees of approx between 5% - 10%
- Being KCSA certified will give you access not only to the local Kosher market but will open up doors to the possibility of exporting opportunities.

UPDATED 2026 KCSA KOSHER LICENSE FEES

1. **R18000 to R22000** per year for LOW kosher complexity facilities.
Low complexity facilities should expect a minimum of 1 to 2 inspections per year.

2. **R26000 to R32000** per year for MIDDLE kosher complexity facilities.
Middle complexity facilities should expect a minimum of 2 to 4 inspections per year.

3. **R38000 to R48000** per year for HIGH kosher complexity facilities.
High complexity facilities should expect a minimum of 4 to 6 inspections per year.



3RD PARTY

Third Parties sourcing products from a KCSA certified manufacturer and whose products are being packed under the 3rd party brand name, and wish to utilize the KCSA kosher logo will be required to sign a 3rd party logo usage agreement.

The annual fee for **3rd party logo usage is R6000** per manufacturer.

Rabbi P. Padwa
Opperrabbijn
Israëlitische Gemeente van
Antwerpen

פינחס ליבוש פדווא
רב ראשי ואב"ד
הקהילה היהודית "שומרי הדת"
אנטוורפן

בס"ד
Elul 5784

To whom it may concern

I hereby confirm that since Cheshvan 5784 (November 2023) I am in constant contact and correspondence with kashrus team of Kosher Certified South Africa [KCSA] in many areas of Halacha (religious rulings)

I have contact with the certifying rabbi of the organisation Rabbi Avigdor Bokow Shlita regarding many halachik rulings, not restricted only to kashrus laws

I am fully confident of their strict adherence to the high standard of Kashrus and the team have great knowledge in both the practical and the Jewish laws of kosher productions, and have set the standard accordingly.

Since I am convinced of the above I accepted their request that I should officially be their Rav Posek (Jewish ruling authority) and by that to support them upkeeping the highest standards of kashrus and its certification.

I wish Kosher Certified South Africa blessings of success in all their endeavours and may they grow from strength to strength in all their communal undertakings

Sincerely

פינחס ליבוש פדווא



Rabbi MOSHE NACHSHONI

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בס"ד

הנני להודיע שאני מכיר את הרב אביגדור בוקוב שליט"א רבות בשנים כרב המשפיע לרבים וכמו"כ כמומחה ואחראי בנושא הכשרות בו צבר נסיון רב. הוא היה שנים אחראי על מקומות כשרות והצליח לרומם ולפאר את מעמד הכשרות הוא אדם ישר ונאמן עומד בפרץ ויודע גם להסתדר כשצריך ואין לי ספק שכל מי שיקחהו בנושא כשרות יצליח מאד לרומם בכבוד את ההכשרים במקום וימצא בהרב בוקוב שליט"א את האיש המתאים הן אדם עם נסיון הן אדם מקצועי הן אדם חכם הן נעים הליכות ואשרי מי שיזכה בו בברכה והצלחה

הרב משה נחשוני ראש"צ

לשעבר ראש מחלקת הכשרות של מדינת

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I hereby declare that I have known Rabbi Avigdor Bokow Shlita for many years, as a rabbi of influence to the public, as well as a responsible expert in the field of Kashrut, in which he has gained extensive experience. He was, for many years, in charge of kosher establishments, and successfully uplifted and enhanced their standard of Kashrus.

He is a person of integrity, loyalty and is meticulously zealous (in his approach towards Kashrus), who is resourceful in the face of any requirements that may arise, and I have no doubt that anyone who employs him in Kashrus-related matters, will succeed immensely to uplift the establishment's Kashrus standard with dignity, and will find Rabbi Bokow Shlita to be the suitable man, a person possessing experience, professionalism, wisdom and pleasant ways. Blessed is he who merits to employ him.

With blessings and wishes of success,

Rabbi Moshe Nachshoni of Rishon L'Zion

Former Head of Kashrus Department of the State of Israel



Translated by Roni Hirschowitz
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Rabbi Y. D. Volpo
Chief Rabbi of Rishon L'Zion
B.S'D Wednesday 29 Sh'vat 5774

ORDINATION OF SAGES

I have known, and have tremendous respect, for the great Yeshiva scholar, a multi-talented, prolific man of Torah, who possesses immense Torah knowledge, learned at prestigious Yeshivas, and richly blessed with capabilities, acquired Torah and wisdom and is highly qualified to provide answers on various and numerous matters. Ever so pleasant, with his wonderful disposition and superb explanations, approachability and warm demeanor, he has produced fine scholars and equipped them with the knowledge of Torah, Judaism and noble virtues, as he is a praise-worthy educator.

Rabbi Yitzchak Ze'ev Bokov, may Hashem keep him, is the son of the great Rabbi Avigdor Levy Bokov Shlita, the Rabbi of Linksfield Community in Johannesburg, South Africa, and he possesses his father's qualities. Therefore, he is fit to be ordained in the Ordination of Sages, anyone with these qualifications is worthy of our ordination, and we hereby ordain him as Rabbi, to serve a highly esteemed community, teach Torah and knowledge to scholars, as one of the qualified Rabbis, and from now on, he shall be called Rabbi Yitzchak Ze'ev Bokov Shlita.

And we bless Rabbi Yitzchak Ze'ev Bokov Shlita, that he should find his calling. So fortunate is the distinguished community that will merit to have him as its Rabbi, and produce scholars who will be taught in accordance with the Torah and its leadership for the glory of the Jewish nation.

(Signed) In honour of Torah, its scholars and teachers, Rabbi Yehuda David HaLevi Volpo.

(Stamped) The Chief Rabbinate of Rishon L'Zion, Rabbi Y.D. Volpo, Chief Rabbi and Head of Beis Din.

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יהודה דוד הלוי וואלפא
הרב הראשי לעיר ראשון לציון
בס"ד יום ד' כח' שבט תשע"ד

מייכית חכמים

ועל כן ידי תיכון עמו להסמיכו בסמיכת חכמים כי כל מן דין סמוכו לאו רבי יתקרי לתארוהו בתואר **רב** חוסמר, ולשמש בקהילה חשובה וללמד תורה ודעת לתלמידים כי השם הטובה עליו כאחד הרבנים המוסמכים, ומעתה ייקרא הרב יצחק זאב בוקוב שליט"א.

ונברך את הרב יצחק זאב בוקוב שליט"א שימצא מקומו, ואשרי הקהילה החשובה שיזכו לקבלו לעטרה לראשם ולהעמיד תלמידים שיחנכו בהבנת התורה וידיעת ההנהגותיה לתפארת בשיאיה.

זה שנים שאני מכיר ומוקיר את האברך הדגול איש האשכולות איש תורה ורב פעלים, בעל ידע רחב בתורה, אשר למד שנים בשיבות חשובות ובכשרונותיו הברוכים קנה תורה וחכמה כדי מידתו לענות על הן הן ועל לאו לאו, במתק שפתיו סברות והסברות הנפלאה ובהארת פניו ויחסו החם, העמיד גם תלמידים נחמדים והקנה להם תורה ויהדות ומידות תרומיות, כי איש חסד הוא להלל.

ה"ה יצחק זאב בוקוב ה"ו בן הרה"ג אביגדור לוי בוקוב שליט"א רב קהילת לינקספילד ביוהנסבורג דרום אפריקה וברא כריעה דאבוא.

ה'כ"ג כ"ח שבט תשע"ד
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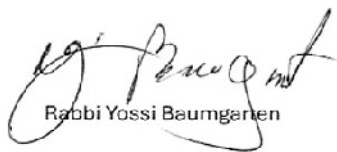
To Whom It May Concern

I have known Aharon Bogatie for a number of years since I worked for the Union of Orthodox Synagogues as their Principal Rabbinical Supervisor and he started working for them as a mashgiach.

We have kept in contact throughout the years and I confirm that Aharon is a שומר תורה ומצות.

Aharon is a יראת שמים and a very organised person. During the time that I was involved with his work in hashgocha, he always went the extra mile to ensure that his work was of the highest standard. The questions that he asked were practical and to the point. They showed that he was on top of things and knew what was going on. Although we no longer work together, Aharon has kept in touch and always wants to improve his knowledge and practical skills.

With Torah blessings



Rabbi Yossi Baumgarten

KCSA kosher standards were audited and evaluated by Rabbi Moshe Kaufman, the head kosher administrator of Boston USA based kosher certification agency Kashrus Vaad Harabonim

<https://kvhkosher.org/>

Here is what he says about KCSA in his audit report

".....they meet and / or exceed international standards in how inspections are conducted and client data is maintained....."



Our experience with KCSA has been extremely positive. They clearly care about people and desire to provide more variety of food products to their community. KCSA has a people focused approach that is refreshing to see in regulatory services such as theirs. It is a positive and educational experience working with KCSA.

Jen Lea - Avolands - Gauteng

Reviews

Excellent service, knowledgeable representatives, enhanced company profile, surpasses expectations, will highly recommend KCSA's service.

Dhesan - Amino - KZN

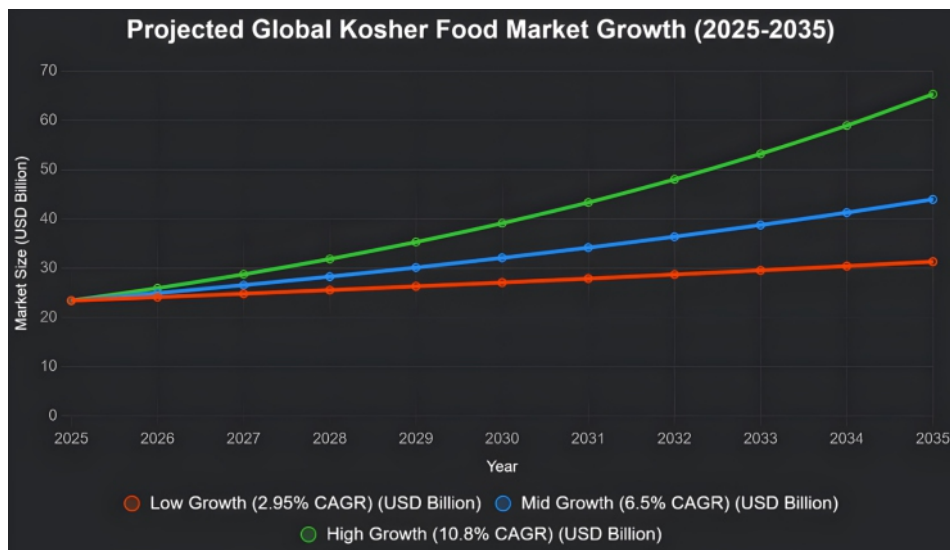
KCSA's services are generally very good. Representatives have a deep knowledge of kosher laws and are well-informed about the requirements. They approach their work with professionalism and respect, ensuring that all details are carefully considered. The team is thorough and comprehensive in their approach, making the certification process smooth and reliable for businesses and consumers alike.

Maria - Permchashews - Mozambique

Global Demand for Kosher Certification

It is a fact that many retailers, distributors, manufacturers and other food related companies require kosher certification. Globally, the demand for kosher certification is growing. South Africa is known for high quality production and is an attractive landscape for sourcing of product.

Getting a KCSA kosher certification makes sense if you want to tap into the local and global markets.



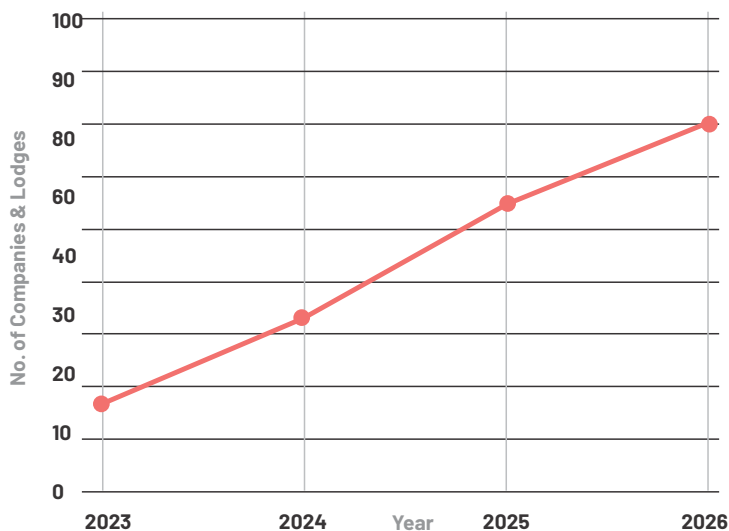
KCSA's Impressive Growth:

- From 18 certified companies in 2023 to 80 certified companies in January 2026 KCSA is experiencing rapid and impressive growth. KCSA average annual growth from 2023 to 2026 is 64.40%.

- **Global Reach:** KCSA provides kosher supervision and certification in 11 countries/regions, including South Africa, Mozambique, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Botswana, Seychelles, Tanzania, Zanzibar, Israel, and Spain.

KCSA' CERTIFICATION GROWTH

Certifications: 80



Companies (2023 - 2026)

2023: Startup Phase (18 Companies)

2024: 77.8% Growth (32 Companies)

2025: 60% Growth (30 Companies)

Some of Our Customers



SWISS AGRO PECANS



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