

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.