Taste (Ta'am) Transfer: Spicy/Charif: Pressure: Food Absorbing Taste of Utensils

When a spicy/*charif* food takes on the gender of the cutting/squeezing utensil:

- You may not cook or eat that food with food of the opposite gender.
- However, you MAY eat the opposite-gender food immediately after eating the gendered spicy food without waiting.

SITUATION An onion is cut with a meat knife, on a meat cutting board:

- The onion acquires meat status.
- You MAY NOT later cut this onion with a *dairy* knife or on a *dairy* cutting board. (If you do, the onion, the *dairy* knife, and the *dairy* cutting board will all become non-*kosher*.)

EXCEPTION If the knife and cutting board had not been used (even for cold items) for at least 24 hours, consult a *rabbi*.

EXCEPTION If you can sand off the surface to below the level of any knife cuts, the board might be *kosher*. Consult a *rabbi*.

- You MAY NOT cook this onion in a *dairy* utensil.
- You MAY NOT eat this onion with *dairy* food.
- You MAY eat *dairy* immediately after eating this onion (as long as there is no actual meat mixed into the onion).
- You MAY cook this onion with fish (even though you may not cook meat and fish together) but the fish may not be eaten with *dairy* food.

SITUATION You cut an onion with a meat knife and fry it in a neutral/*pareve* pan.
STATUS The pan becomes meat, but consult a *rabbi* for possible leniencies.

SITUATION You cut an onion with a meat knife and fry it in a *dairy* pan.
STATUS The pan becomes non-*kosher*. If you cook a neutral/*pareve* food in that pan after 24 hours have passed since the onion was cooked in it, and you ate the *pareve* food with *milk*, it is OK *b'di'avad* but you may not do that *l'chatchila*.

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