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Scroll K Guide to Fruit for Chamisha Asar B'Shvat

Fresh fruit is acceptable without certification unless it is imported from Eretz Yisroel. All produce from Eretz Yisroel requires certification to ensure that they are not a product of shivious and that terumah and maaser were separated.

Dried fruit	Does or does not require certification	Comments
Apples, dried	Domestic does not require certification	Freeze dried requires certification
Apricots, dried	Without additives, do not require certification	
Bananas, dried	Requires reliable certification	
Carob	Does not require certification	Requires inspection for insects, powdered does not require inspection
Cherries, dried	Requires reliable certification	
Cranberries, dried	Requires reliable certification	
Dates	Domestic pitted do not require certification	Imported or whole require inspection; domestic pitted does not require inspection
Figs	Does not require certification	Require inspection by turning the fig inside out and looking for noticeable webbing. If you check a few in a package and there is no webbing, the rest may be used without inspection.
Mandarin Oranges	Does not require certification, unless it is from China	
Mangoes, dried	Without additives, does not require certification	Sulfur dioxide is not a concern
Nectarines, dried	Does not require certification	
Papayas, dried	Without additives, does not	Sulfur dioxide is not a concern



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Peaches, dried Does not require certification

Pear, dried Does not require certification

Pineapples, dried Without additives, does not Sulfur dioxide is not a concern

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Prunes Without additives, does not Sulfur dioxide is not a concern

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Raisins Do not require certification