

CFS urges public not to consume baby rice cereal from Australia with possible presence of arsenic

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department today (July 30) urged the public not to consume two kinds of baby rice cereal imported from Australia as they may contain arsenic, a metallic contaminant. The trade should stop using or selling the products concerned immediately if they possess them.

Details of the products are as follows:

Product name: Baby Rice Cereal
Brand: Bubs Organic
Place of origin: Australia
Net weight: 125 grams per pack
Importer: WEME E-COMMERCE SOLUTION LIMITED
Use by: October 23, 2021

Product name: Baby Banana Rice Cereal
Brand: Bubs Organic
Place of origin: Australia
Net weight: 125 grams per pack
Importer: WEME E-COMMERCE SOLUTION LIMITED
Use by: September 29, 2021

A spokesman for the CFS said, "The CFS, through its Food Incident Surveillance System, has noted a notice issued by the Singapore Food Agency that the presence of arsenic at a level exceeding the legal limit of Singapore was detected in the above products, and are being recalled. Upon learning of the incident, the CFS immediately contacted local major importers and retailers for follow-up."

A preliminary investigation found that the above-mentioned sole importer had imported some of the affected products into Hong Kong. An investigation is still ongoing. The importer has initiated a recall for the sake of prudence. Members of the public may call the importer's hotline at 3168 6551 during office hours for enquiries about the recall.

The spokesman urged consumers not to consume the affected products if they have bought any. The trade should also stop using or selling the products concerned immediately if they possess them.

The CFS will alert the trade to the incident, and will continue to follow up and take appropriate action.