



**AVA recalls Earth's Best Organic 2 Apple Peach Barley Wholesome
Breakfast baby food as a precautionary measure**

The Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) has, as a precautionary measure, ordered importers and retailers to recall Earth's Best Organic 2 Apple Peach Barley Wholesome Breakfast Baby Food from the market. The recall is in response to an alert from the United States' Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that the baby food may be contaminated with Clostridium botulinum, which can cause botulism, a life-threatening illness.

2 No illnesses have been reported to the FDA or the manufacturer to date in connection with this problem. Nevertheless, AVA advises consumers who have bought the affected products not to use them. They should discard them or return them to the retailers they bought from.

Affected product

3 The affected product is sold in single individual jars and in variety packs which contain 4 jars of the Apple Peach Barley along with other varieties. The food is intended for babies 6 months and older. Their packings and identifications are:

Baby Food	UPC Code	Lid	Expiration Date
Earth's Best Organic 2 Apple Peach Barley Wholesome Breakfast (4.5 ounce jars)	23923-20223	PF6J14 NP	EXP 14 SEP 08 A
Earth's Best Organic 2 Wholesome Breakfast Variety Pack (12 pack)	23923-20295		13 SEP 08
Earth's Best Organic 2 Apple Peach Barley (4.5 ounce jars within 12 pack)	23923-20223	PF6J14 NP	EXP 14 SEP 08 A

What is Botulism?

4 Botulism, a potentially fatal form of food poisoning, usually causes illness within 18-36 hours of exposure. Initial indication of illness in infants is decreased frequency or absence of stools. Other signs and symptoms noted are poor feeding, weak suck, lethargy, weak cry, decreased body tone, and diminished overall movement. Difficulty with swallowing may be evident as secretions drooling from the mouth. This may be followed by decreased respiratory effort which may lead to respiratory arrest. Older populations who may be consuming the product as part of a soft diet might experience symptoms such as blurred vision, dizziness, dry mouth, and progressive weakness from head to legs. Constipation and urinary retention are also common. Caregivers or people observing these problems should seek immediate medical attention for those affected.

Consumer queries

5 Consumers who have any queries can call AVA's hotline at 1800-226 2250.



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