



CONSUMER ADVISORY – UPDATE ON PRODUCTS DETECTED TO CONTAIN MELAMINE

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Surveillance on imported and locally manufactured biscuits

AVA has intensified and completed its checks on more than 640 types of the major brands of imported and locally manufactured biscuits available in Singapore.

Update on products from China

2 AVA has detected melamine contamination in these three additional China-made products:

- i) Lotte Koala's March Cocoa Chocolate Biscuit
- ii) Hello Kitty Strawberry Cream Filled Biscuit
- iii) Unbranded non-dairy creamer in industrial pack

3 The two China-made biscuits [(i) and (ii)] contained milk ingredients and had been recalled since 19 September 2008. The non-dairy creamer [(iii)] is meant for re-export and is not available in the retail market. The tainted products will be destroyed under AVA's supervision.

(Details of the affected China products are attached at Annex A.)

Imported biscuits that are tainted

4 Other than the affected products from China, melamine has been detected in 17 biscuit products from Malaysia. Test results for the rest of the imported biscuits,

including those from Malaysia, were satisfactory. The affected Malaysian-made biscuits are:

- i) Julie's Golden Kaka Crackers
- ii) Julie's Wheat Crackers
- iii) Julie's Cottage Crackers (Vegetable Yeast Cracker)
- iv) Julie's Cottage Crackers (Original Yeast Cracker)
- v) Julie's Chez Creamy Cheese Sandwich
- vi) Julie's Sugar Crackers (extra flaky)
- vii) Julie's Waferico Chocolate Coated Wafers with Chocolate Cream Filling
- viii) Julie's Cream Crackers
- ix) Julie's Minico Rich Chocolate Chip Cookies
- x) Julie's Peanut Butter Sandwich
- xi) Julie's Cocoro Crispy Chocolate Wafer Rolls with Vanilla Filling
- xii) Julie's Le-Mond Puff Sandwich with Lemon Flavoured Cream
- xiii) Khong Guan Assorted Biscuits
- xiv) Khian Guan Biscuit Osborne
- xv) Leo Gold Finger Choco
- xvi) Santa Chocolate Gold Fingers
- xvii) Swan Chocolate Fingers

(Details of the affected Malaysian-made biscuits are attached at Annex B.)

5 Importers and retailers are required to withdraw the affected Malaysian-made biscuits from sale with immediate effect. As 12 of the 17 products are "Julie's" brand of biscuits, as a precautionary measure, all "Julie's" brand biscuits are also required to be withdrawn from sale.

6 AVA advises consumers who have bought the implicated products not to consume them.

7 All the 17 affected products will be destroyed under AVA's supervision.

Locally manufactured biscuits are safe for consumption

8 AVA's tests also included various types of biscuits under the major brands of "Khong Guan" and "Meiji" as well as other traditional biscuits that are manufactured in Singapore. Melamine has not been detected in these products.

Surveillance on raising agents used in Singapore

9 Ammonium bicarbonate, an approved food additive, had been implicated in melamine contamination in Malaysian-made biscuits. Hence, in addition to intensified checks on biscuits, AVA has also tested for melamine contamination in the raising agents (ammonium bicarbonate and sodium bicarbonate) used by biscuit manufacturers in Singapore. Checks have found that the raising agents used in Singapore for manufacturing of biscuits are of food grade standard and are not contaminated with melamine.

On-going surveillance of milk and milk products and products containing milk as an ingredient

10 As of 24 Oct 08, 3,200 types of milk and milk products, chocolates, biscuits, non-dairy creamers and other products imported from more than 40 countries have been taken for laboratory analysis to check for melamine. Testing for melamine contamination is on-going. The latest detection brings the total number of affected products to 33.

11 AVA would like to assure the public that the levels of melamine detected so far in the affected products are low and hence unlikely to result in any adverse health effect. Consumers have to consume large quantities of the contaminated products over a prolonged period of time to be at risk of potential ill effects on health.

12 Based on the melamine levels detected by AVA, a consumer can safely take in:

Products	Tolerable levels for an adult of 60 kg weight (amount daily over a lifetime)	Tolerable levels for a child of 30 kg weight (amount daily over a lifetime)
Lotte Koala's March Cocoa Chocolate Biscuit (21g/pack)	104 packs, or	52 packs, or
Hello Kitty Strawberry Cream Filled Biscuit (20g/pack)	342 packs, or	171 packs, or
Unbranded non-dairy creamer in industrial pack	Not applicable. This product is intended for re-export and is not available in the retail market. It has been sealed in the manufacturer's warehouse and has not been used in any food production.	
Julie's Golden Kaka Crackers (500g/pack; 64 pieces)	378 pieces (about 6 packs), or	189 pieces (about 3 packs), or
Julie's Cocoro Crispy Chocolate Wafer Rolls with Vanilla Cream Filling (120g/box, 20 sticks)	782 sticks (about 39 boxes), or	391 sticks (about 19.5 boxes), or
Julie's Le-Mond Puff Sandwich with Lemon Flavoured Cream (225g/box, 24 pieces)	384 pieces (about 16 boxes), or	192 pieces (about 8 boxes), or
Julie's Wheat Crackers; (350g/pack, 42 pieces)	192 pieces (about 4 packs), or	96 pieces (about 2 packs), or
Julie's Cottage Crackers	360 pieces	180 pieces

(Vegetable Yeast Cracker); (232g/box, 24 pieces)	(about 15 boxes), or	(about 7.5 boxes), or
Julie's Cottage Crackers (Original Yeast Cracker) (232g/box, 24 pieces)	368 pieces (about 15 boxes), or	184 pieces (about 7.5 boxes), or
Julie's Chez Creamy Cheese Sandwich; (200g/box, 30 pieces)	32 pieces (about 1 box), or	16 pieces (about 0.5 box), or
Julie's Sugar Crackers (extra flaky) (450g/pack, 52 pieces)	232 pieces (about 4 packs), or	116 pieces (about 2 packs), or
Julie's Waferico Chocolate Coated Wafers with Chocolate Cream Filling (150g/box, 10 pieces)	156 pieces (about 15 boxes), or	78 pieces (about 7.5 boxes), or
Julie's Cream Crackers; (450g/pack, 68 pieces)	168 pieces (about 2.5 packs), or	84 pieces (about 1.25 packs), or
Julie's Minico Rich Chocolate Chip Cookies; (150g/box, 35 pieces)	440 pieces (about 12 boxes), or	220 pieces (about 6 boxes), or
Julie's Peanut Butter Sandwich (180g/pack, 24 pieces)	400 pieces (about 16 packs), or	200 pieces (about 8 packs), or
Khong Guan Assorted Biscuits (1 kg/tin)	5 tins, or	2.5 tins, or
Khian Guan Biscuit Osborne (3.5 kg/tin, 951 pieces)	950 pieces (about 1 tin), or	475 pieces (about 0.5 tin), or
Leo Gold Finger Choco (130 g/pack, about 28 sticks)	1312 sticks (about 46 packs), or	656 sticks (about 23 packs), or
Santa Chocolate Gold	160 sticks	80 sticks



Fingers (130 g/pack, about 28 sticks)	(about 5 packs), or	(about 2.5 packs), or
Swan Chocolate Fingers (130 g/pack, about 28 sticks)	662 sticks (about 22 packs), or	331 sticks (about 11 packs), or

13 For enquiries on affected products, consumers can call AVA's hotline at 63257625 during office hours (8.30 am – 6.00 pm, Monday – Friday). For health concerns associated with the ingestion of melamine, consumers can call MOH's hotline at 1800-2254122. Consumers can also visit AVA's website at www.ava.gov.sg for more information.



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Annex A - Details of affected products imported from China



S/ N	Product Description	Levels of Melamine Detected	Product Image
1.	Lotte Koala's March Cocoa Chocolate Biscuit (Made in China)	17.3 ppm	
2.	Hello Kitty Strawberry Cream Filled Biscuit (Made in China)	5.5 ppm	
3.	Unbranded non- dairy creamer in	415.4 ppm - 6,694 ppm	This product is intended for re-export and is not available in the retail market. It has

	industrial pack (Made in China)		been sealed in the manufacturer's warehouse since 19 September 2008 and has not been used in any food production.
4.	Cadbury Choclairs Blueberry Flavour (Made in China)	21.4 ppm - 33.9 ppm	
5.	Cadbury Choclairs Coffee Flavour (Made in China)	92.3 ppm	
6.	Panda Dairy Whole Milk Powder (Made in China)	163.8 ppm	This product is meant for manufacturing use and is not available in the retail market. (The product has been sealed in the manufacturer's warehouse since the suspension on 19 September 2008 and has not been used in any food production.

7.	Silang - House of Steamed Potato - Potato & Tomato Cracker (Made in China)	8.1 ppm	
8.	New Sshmallows Mallow Dippers - Strawberry Flavour (Made in China)	24.8 ppm	
9.	Dutch Lady Banana Flavoured Milk (Made in China)	36.7 ppm - 48.7 ppm	

10.	Dutch Lady Honeydew Flavoured Milk (Made in China)	9.43 ppm - 58.7 ppm	
11.	Silang - House of Steamed Potato - Potato Cracker (Made in China)	11.96 ppm	



12.	徐福记 Puffed Rice Rolls - Butter Corn Flavour (Made in China)	10.7 ppm	
13.	徐福记 Puffed Rice Rolls - Cheese Flavour (Made in China)	8.5 ppm	
14.	Yi Li Choice Dairy Fruit Bar Yogurt Flavoured Ice Confection (Made in China)	39 ppm - 60.8 ppm	




15.	Dutch Lady Strawberry Flavoured Milk (Made in China)	33.9 ppm - 46.4 ppm	
16.	White Rabbit Creamy Candy (Made in China)	67 ppm - 160 ppm	


Annex B - Details of affected Malaysian-made biscuits

S/ N	Product Description	Levels of Melamine Detected	Product Image
1.	Julie's Golden Kaka Crackers (Made in Malaysia)	11.8 ppm - 12.8 ppm	


2.	<p>Julie's Cocoro Crispy Chocolate Wafer Rolls with Vanilla Cream Filling</p> <p>(Made in Malaysia)</p>	8.04 ppm	
3.	<p>Julie's Le-Mond Puff Sandwich with Lemon Flavoured Cream</p> <p>(Made in Malaysia)</p>	Not Detected - 10.5 ppm	

4.	Julie's Wheat Crackers (Made in Malaysia)	4.9 ppm - 23.4 ppm	
5.	Julie's Cottage Crackers (Vegetable Yeast Cracker) (Made in Malaysia)	0.6 ppm - 10.8 ppm	

6.	<p>Julie's Cottage Crackers (Original Yeast Cracker)</p> <p>(Made in Malaysia)</p>	10.6 ppm	 <p>The image shows the packaging for Julie's Cottage Crackers. It features the Julie's logo at the top with the tagline "...bakes better biscuits". The product name "COTTAGE CRACKERS" is prominently displayed in large, bold letters. Below it, it says "The ORIGINAL Yeast Crackers". There is an illustration of a rural landscape with a windmill, a cow, and a path. A large number "8" is visible, indicating the number of packs. At the bottom, it says "Fresh Packs · 便利保鮮裝" and "Net Wt./淨重: 232g/公克(8.18oz/安士)". On the right side, there is vertical Chinese text: "酵母蘇打餅" and "原發酵味".</p>
7.	<p>Julie's Chez Creamy Cheese Sandwich</p> <p>(Made in Malaysia)</p>	172.4 ppm	 <p>The image shows the packaging for Julie's Chez Creamy Cheese Sandwich. It features the Julie's logo at the top with the tagline "...bakes better biscuits". The product name "CHEZ" is written in large, stylized yellow letters. Below it, it says "CREAMY CHEESE SANDWICH". There is an illustration of a sandwich with a slice of cheese. A large number "5" is visible, indicating the number of packs. At the bottom, it says "Net Wt./淨重: 200g/公克(7.05oz/安士)". On the left side, there is vertical Chinese text: "乳酪夾心餅". On the right side, there is a blue speech bubble with the text "5 Convi-packs 便利包裝".</p>
8.	<p>Julie's Sugar Crackers (extra flaky)</p> <p>(Made in Malaysia)</p>	18.8 ppm	 <p>The image shows the packaging for Julie's Sugar Crackers. It features the Julie's logo at the top with the tagline "...bakes better biscuits". The product name "Sugar Crackers" is written in large, white letters. Below it, it says "Biskut Gula". There is an illustration of two sugar crackers. A blue speech bubble with the text "EXTRA FLAKY" is visible. On the right side, there is vertical Chinese text: "甜齒餅". At the bottom, there is a small illustration of a hand holding a cracker.</p>

9.	<p>Julie's Waferico Chocolate Coated Wafers with Chocolate Cream Filling</p> <p>(Made in Malaysia)</p>	<p>Not Detected - 16.0 ppm</p>	
10.	<p>Julie's Cream Crackers</p> <p>(Made in Malaysia)</p>	<p>33.8 ppm</p>	
11.	<p>Julie's Minico Rich Chocolate Chip Cookies</p> <p>(Made in Malaysia)</p>	<p>20.0 ppm</p>	

12.	Julie's Peanut Butter Sandwich (Made in Malaysia)	0.7 ppm -12.6 ppm	
13.	Khong Guan Assorted Biscuits (Made in Malaysia)	5.4 ppm - 6.6 ppm	
14.	Khian Guan Biscuit Osborne (Made in Malaysia)	5.3 ppm - 10.8 ppm	

15.	<p>Leo Gold Finger Choco</p> <p>(Made in Malaysia)</p>	<p>0.6 ppm - 6.2 ppm</p>	
16.	<p>Santa Chocolate Gold Fingers</p> <p>(Made in Malaysia)</p>	<p>0.7 ppm - 50.8 ppm</p>	

17.	Swan Chocolate Fingers (Made in Malaysia)	4.2 ppm - 12.3 ppm	
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