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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,

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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are "Julie's" brand of biscuits, as a precautionary measure, all "Julie's" brand biscuits are also required to be withdrawn from sale.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.

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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.

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| Lotte Koala's March Cocoa Chocolate Biscuit (21g/pack) | Tolerable levels for an adult of 60 kg weight (amount daily over a lifetime) 104 packs, or | Tolerable levels for a child of 30 kg weight (amount daily over a lifetime) 52 packs, or |
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| Hello Kitty Strawberry Cream Filled Biscuit (20g/pack) | 342 packs, or | 171 packs, or |
| Unbranded non-dairy creamer in industrial pack | and is not available in the | r's warehouse and has not |
| 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) Julie's Cottage Crackers | 192 pieces (about 4 packs), or 360 pieces | 96 pieces (about 2 packs), or 180 pieces |

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

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| Fingers | (about 5 packs), or | (about 2.5 packs), or |
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| (130 g/pack, about 28 sticks) | | |
| Swan Chocolate Fingers | 662 sticks | 331 sticks |
| (130 g/pack, about 28 sticks) | (about 22 packs), or | (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/ | Product | Levels of | Product Image |
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| N | Description | Melamine | |
| | | Detected | |
| 1. | Lotte Koala's March Cocoa Chocolate Biscuit (Made in China) | 17.3 ppm | TO PACKETS 10 PACKETS |
| 2. | Hello Kitty | 5.5 ppm | |
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| | Cream Filled | | |
| | Biscuit (Made in China) | | Hallowing Section 1 |
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| 3. | Unbranded non- | 415.4 ppm - | This product is intended for re-export and |
| | dairy creamer in | 6,694 ppm | is not available in the retail market. It has |

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| | industrial pack | | been sealed in the manufacturer's |
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| | (Made in China) | | warehouse since 19 September 2008 |
| | | | and has not been used in any food |
| | | | production. |
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| 4. | Cadbury | 21.4 ppm - | (Castery) |
| | Choclairs - | 33.9 ppm | MITI |
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| 5. | Cadbury | 92.3 ppm | (Cathery) |
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| 6. | Panda Dairy | 163.8 ppm | This product is meant for manufacturing |
| | Whole Milk | | use and is not available in the retail |
| | Powder | | market. (The product has been sealed in |
| | (Made in China) | | 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 | House of steamed potato POTATO A TOMATO OMOUR! |
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| 8. | New Sshmallows Mallow Dippers - Strawberry Flavour (Made in China) | 24.8 ppm | Sense Company |
| 9. | Dutch Lady Banana Flavoured Milk (Made in China) | 36.7 ppm - 48.7 ppm | |

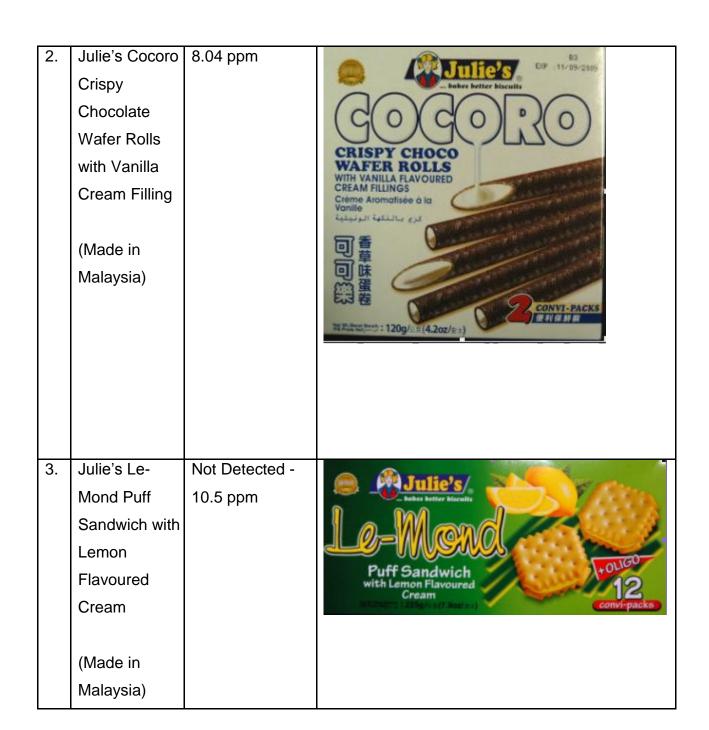
| 10. | Dutch Lady Honeydew Flavoured Milk (Made in China) | 9.43 ppm - 58.7 ppm | Honeydes |
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| 11. | Silang - House of Steamed Potato - Potato Cracker (Made in China) | 11.96 ppm | 表示EAMED AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AND AN |

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

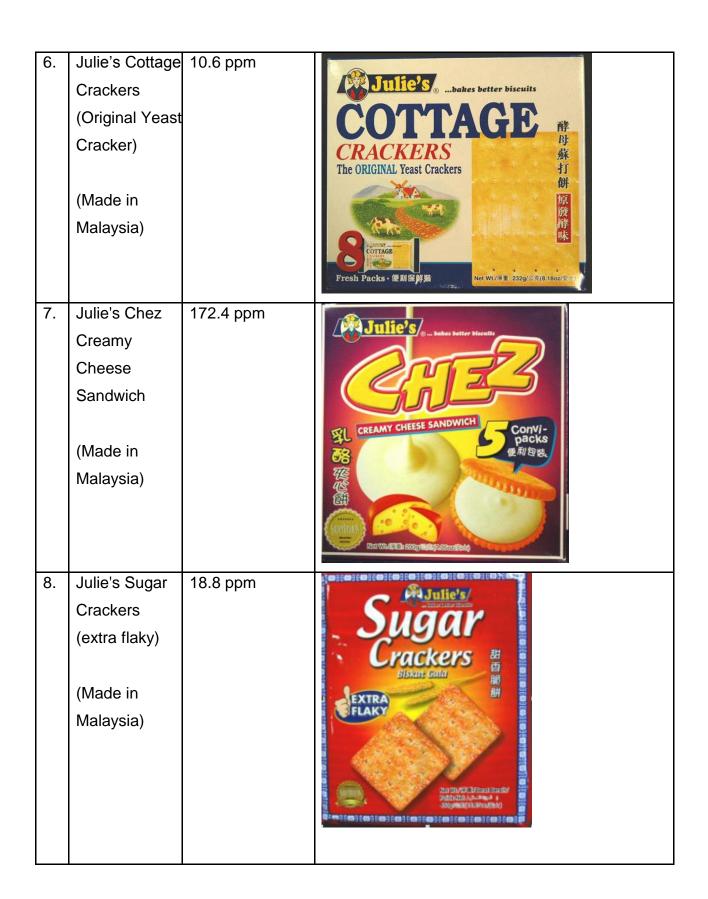
| 15. | Dutch Lady Strawberry Flavoured Milk (Made in China) | 33.9 ppm - 46.4 ppm | |
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| 16. | White Rabbit Creamy Candy (Made in China) | 67 ppm - 160 ppm | # Control of the Cont |

Annex B - Details of affected Malaysian-made biscuits

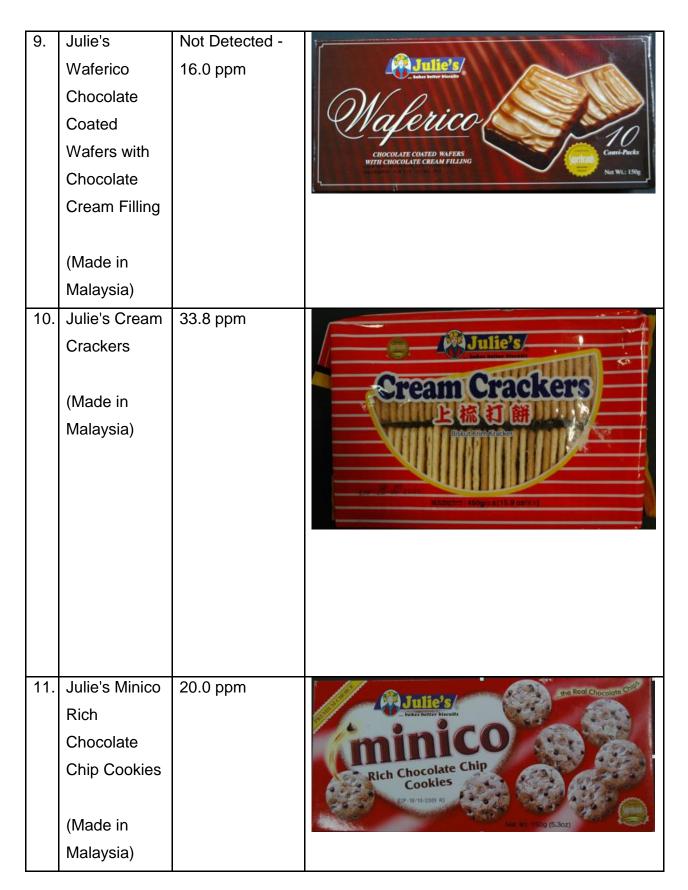
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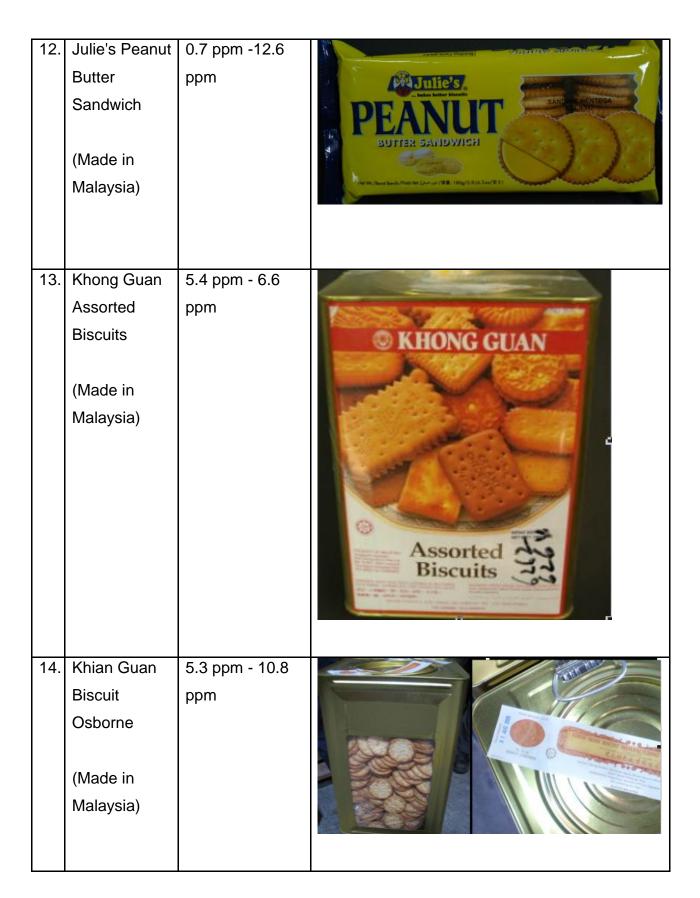
| 4. | Julie's Wheat Crackers (Made in Malaysia) | 4.9 ppm - 23.4 ppm | KBAKER CHICKLES AND KBAKER AND KB |
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| 5. | Julie's Cottage Crackers (Vegetable Yeast Cracker) (Made in Malaysia) | 0.6 ppm - 10.8 ppm | MING NEWL/示量 /Berat Borsit/ 本量: 350g/公克(12.34 oz/克士) Net WL/示量 /Berat Borsit/ 本量: 350g/公克(12.34 oz/克士) COTTACE CRACKERS The VEGETABLE Yeast Crackers Net WL/工具: 232g/公文(8.20z/金型) |



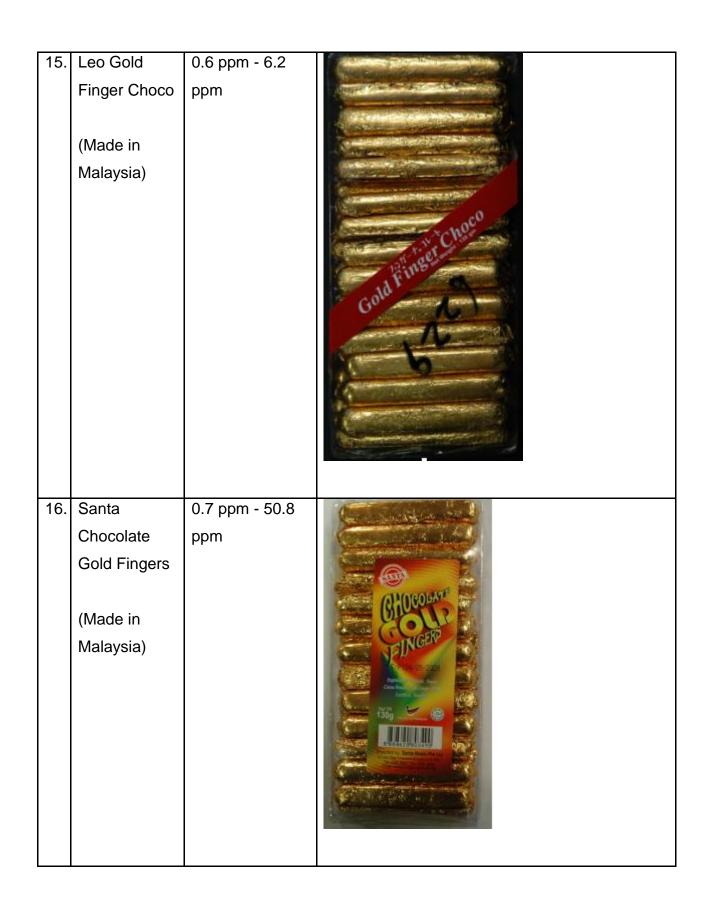
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