



PHASED RELEASE OF RECALLED CHINA MILK PRODUCTS

The Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) will be progressively lifting the ban on the sale of China milk products that has been in place since 19 Sep 08.

Phased release of recalled products

2 AVA has completed its surveillance tests on more than 3,500 milk products, of which some 500 were made in China. To date, 16 China milk products have been found to contain melamine. These products have been destroyed or are awaiting destruction. (*Details of the 16 affected products are attached in Annex 1.*)

3 AVA will release China made milk products that were imported into Singapore prior to the 19 Sep ban in three phases, under a managed-risk approach. Low-risk products will be released in the first phase followed by medium risk products (Phase 2) and higher risk products (Phase 3).

4 All products are subject to further checks and will only be released for sale after laboratory tests have ascertained that they do not contain melamine exceeding AVA's action limits¹. The categories of products under each phase are:

Phase 1 : Low risk products

- Butter
- Ghee
- Non-dairy creamer
- Cereals
- Products made in China using milk from other countries as ingredient

¹ AVA's action limits for melamine are 1 part per million (ppm) for food products for children below 3 years of age, and 5 ppm for all other food products.

Phase 2 : Medium risk products

- Bread
- Cake
- Chocolate
- Biscuits and crackers
- Candies
- Other confectionery products

Phase 3 : Higher risk products

- Liquid milk
- Ice-cream
- Milk protein
- Whey protein

5. The pre-release testing for the low risk products of butter, ghee and non-dairy creamer from China (three products under Phase 1) have been completed and found satisfactory. These products will be released for sale with immediate effect. Products made in China using milk from other countries as an ingredient will be released for sale when the importers submit documentary proof of the sources of milk ingredients. The remaining products would be released over the next 2-3 weeks when tests on them have been completed.

Possible lifting of the import ban on milk products from China

6 There has been no import of milk products from China since AVA imposed the import ban on 19 Sep 08. AVA is currently working closely with the Chinese authorities and will consider lifting the import ban after China has provided a full account of its investigations and information on the improvements being implemented to its food safety system.

7 Members of the public can visit AVA's website at www.ava.gov.sg for updates on the category of products released. For enquiries, consumers can call AVA's hotline at 63257625 during office hours (8.30 am – 6.00 pm, Monday – Friday).

List of milk products from China found to contain melamine above 5ppm

1. Yi Li Choice Dairy Fruit Bar Yogurt Flavoured Ice Confection
2. Dutch Lady Strawberry Flavoured Milk
3. White Rabbit Creamy Candy
4. Dutch Lady Banana Flavoured Milk
5. Dutch Lady Honeydew Flavoured Milk
6. Silang - House of Steamed Potato - Potato Cracker
7. 徐福记 Puffed Rice Rolls - Butter Corn Flavour
8. 徐福记 Puffed Rice Rolls - Cheese Flavour
9. New Sshmallows Mallow Dippers-Strawberry Flavour
10. Silang - House of Steamed Potato - Potato & Tomato Cracker
11. Cadbury Choclairs – Blueberry Flavour
12. Cadbury Choclairs – Coffee Flavour
13. Panda Dairy Whole Milk Powder (industrial pack)
14. Lotte Koala's March Cocoa
15. Hello Kitty Strawberry Cream Filled Biscuit
16. Unbranded Non Dairy Creamer (industrial pack)

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