



Recall of “Farmland Tuna Chunks in Polyunsaturated Oil”

16 September 2016: Through our routine food safety surveillance, the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) detected high levels of histamine present in Farmland brand canned “Tuna Chunks in Polyunsaturated Oil” imported from Thailand. AVA is working with the importer to recall the affected batch.

2 Details of the implicated product are in the table below. Consumers who have purchased the product should not consume it. Consumers who have consumed the product and feel unwell should consult your doctor or seek medical advice.

About Histamine

3 Histamine in food is formed from a compound that is naturally found in fish species in the Scombroid family, such as tuna, mackerel, sardines and anchovy, when the fish is not stored or handled at the appropriate temperature. Scombrotxin fish poisoning, often called “histamine poisoning”, is caused by consumption of certain species of marine fish that contain high levels of histamine.

4 Symptoms of histamine poisoning include tingling or burning in or around the mouth or throat; rash or hives on the upper body; drop in blood pressure; headache; dizziness; itching of the skin; nausea; vomiting; diarrhoea; asthmatic-like constriction of the air passage; heart palpitation; and respiratory distress. Symptoms usually occur within a few minutes to a few hours of consumption and last from 12 hours to a few days.

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Product	Picture	Country of origin
<p>“Farmland” Tuna Chunks in Polyunsaturated Oil</p> <p>Net weight: 185 g</p> <p>Affected batch: Best Before 03/2021</p>	 <p>The first image shows the front of a red and white can of Farmland Skipjack Tuna. The label features the brand name 'farmland' in a stylized font, followed by 'SKIPJACK Tuna LIGHT' and 'CHUNKS IN POLYUNSATURATED OIL'. The second image shows the back of the can with the following text: 'Ingredients: Skipjack Tuna, 100% Polyunsaturated oil, Salt. This TUNA has been fished from methods which do not endanger dolphins. Packed in Thailand for: Ben Foods (S) Pte Ltd Singapore: 1, Fishery Port Road, Jurong Singapore 619729 Malaysia: Melody Enterprise 70, Jalan Seroja 12, Taman Johor Jaya, 81100 Johor Bahru, Johor. Net Weight 185g, Drained Weight 135g'. The third image shows the top of the can with a circular stamp that reads 'BEST BEFORE 03/2021'.</p>	<p>Thailand</p>

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