



**Update on recall of starch-based products from Taiwan due to maleic acid**

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The Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) has detected maleic acid in another four products from Taiwan that we have sampled. Information on the four affected products is detailed in Annex A. This brings the total number of affected products to 15<sup>i</sup>.

2. AVA has informed the importers of the affected products to withdraw them from sale immediately and withdrawal has been completed. Consumers who have bought these products should either return them to the retailer or discard them and not consume them.

3. AVA is monitoring the situation closely. We are continuing with our surveillance of products from Taiwan to ensure that they do not contain maleic acid.

4. The public may refer to our [website](#) or our [Facebook page](#) for updates on the issue.

5. Maleic acid is not an approved additive. It is also not an additive that is usually used in manufacturing food products. Long term consumption of high levels of maleic acid can cause kidney damage. However, occasional consumption at the levels detected does not pose any significant health risk.

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<sup>i</sup> Information on the previously detected items is detailed in Annex B

Information on the four affected products from Taiwan

Brand	Item Description	Expiry/Batch	Manufacturer	Picture
Full Free	Green tea tapioca ball	2.11.2013	Full Free Co Ltd	
Full Free	Yam tapioca ball	2.11.2013	Full Free Co Ltd	



<p>Long Kow</p>	<p>Vegetarian instant rice noodle</p>	<p>17.12.2013</p>	<p>Long Kow Foods Enterprise Corp, Taiwan</p>	
<p>Long Kow</p>	<p>Rice noodle with thick soup</p>	<p>24.12.2013</p>	<p>Long Kow Foods Enterprise Corp, Taiwan</p>	

## Information on the previously detected products from Taiwan

Brand	Item Description	Expiry/Batch	Manufacturer	Picture
(Hong)	Tapioca Starch	17.02.2014	Hong Kai Foods Co., Taiwan	

Redman	Black Tapioca Pearl	19.02.2014	Possmei International Co Ltd	
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Sun Right	Indica Rice Powder	14.08.2014	Sunright Foods Corporation	
Top 1	Tapioca Pearls	12.10.2013 25.10.2013	Shang Wang 上旺食品行	

Tea World	Tapioca Starch Ball	NA	Grand Chainly Enterprises Co. Ltd.	
Unbranded	Starch Ball	16.09.2013	Hwa Chien Food Enterprise Co., Ltd	

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Ding Long	Tapioca Pearls	22.08.2013	Ding Long Co. Ltd 頂隆食品有限公司	
Sun Chi	Noodles	15.05.2014	Sun Chi Noodle Factory 上智制麵	

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T&M Resources Corp	Tapioca pearls	19.10.2013	An Li Si 安利同	
Pure Tea	Tapioca pearls (White)	18.8.2013	Taiwan Tapioca Foods Company Ltd	

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Pure Tea	Tapioca pearls (Black)	18.8.2013	Taiwan Tapioca Foods Company Ltd	
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