

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **Updated Media Release**

<u>Update on 6 June 2024:</u> Further to our media release on 24 May 2024, the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) has extended the recall to include additional batches of Xiyuguoyuan Xinjiang Paper Roasted Walnut products from China due to the detection of the presence of Cyclamate (as Cyclamic Acid), and Acesulfame-K exceeding permitted levels. SFA has directed the importer, Xin Hong Yang International Trading Pte Ltd, to recall the products. The recall is ongoing.

Consumers who have consumed the implicated product and have concerns about their health should seek medical advice. Consumers may contact their point of purchase for enquiries.

Details of the products are as follows:

#### **Product Name:**

Xiyuguoyuan Xinjiang Paper Roasted Walnut

Weight: 1kg

**Expiry Date:** 18.09.2024

Country of Origin: China



# **Product Name:**

Xiyuguoyuan Xinjiang Paper Roasted Walnut

Weight: 500g

**Expiry Date:** 18.09.2024

Country of Origin: China





## **MEDIA RELEASE**

Recall of Xiyuguoyuan Xinjiang Paper Roasted Walnut products from China due to presence of Cyclamate (as Cyclamic Acid), and Acesulfame-K exceeding permitted levels

The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) has detected the presence of Cyclamate (as Cyclamic Acid), as well as acesulfame-K exceeding permitted levels, in Xiyuguoyuan Xinjiang Paper Roasted Walnut products. SFA has directed the importer, Hong Xin Da Pte Ltd, to recall the implicated products. The recall is ongoing.

- 2 Cyclamate and acesulfame-K are permitted food additives that are used as artificial sweeteners and are approved for use in certain food products (e.g. soft drinks and canned fruits). The use of cyclamate is currently not allowed in walnuts as well as other nuts and seeds products, while the use of acesulfame-K for nuts and seeds products is permitted up to a maximum limit as stated in the Singapore Food Regulations.
- While there are no immediate health risks from consuming walnuts and other nuts and seeds products found to contain cyclamate and acesulfame-K, prolonged excessive consumption of both sweeteners should be avoided.
- 4 Nonetheless, SFA is taking a precautionary approach, and is currently conducting proactive sampling and testing of nuts and seeds products in Singapore. SFA will initiate recalls of the affected products that were detected to contain non-permitted sweeteners (e.g., cyclamate) or exceeding levels of permitted sweeteners (e.g., acesulfame-k).
- 5 Consumers who have consumed the implicated products and have concerns about their health should seek medical advice. Consumers may contact their point of purchase for enquiries.
- 6 Details of the implicated products are as follows.



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

Product name:

Xiyuguoyuan Xinjiang Paper Roasted Walnut (500gm)

Weight: 500g

**Production** 

**Date:** 2024.03.24

Country of origin: China



Product name:

Xiyuguoyuan Xinjiang Paper Roasted Walnut (1kg)

Weight: 1kg

**Production** 

**Date:** 2024.03.25

Country of origin: China



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24 May 2024