

Updated media release:

Update on 29 Oct 2021: As the manufacturer of “Ceres 100% Apple Juice” products has detected patulin at levels exceeding the maximum limit stated in the Singapore Food Regulations in an additional batch of products, SFA has extended our earlier recall to include this additional batch. We have directed the importer, Naspac Marketing Pte Ltd, to recall the products and the recall is ongoing.

Consumers who have purchased the implicated product are advised not to consume it. Those who have consumed the implicated product and have concerns about their health should seek medical advice.

Additional implicated batch:

Ceres 100% Apple Juice

Packing Size: 1L

Best before date: 29 June 2022

Country of origin: South Africa



Recall of “Ceres 100% Apple Juice” products due to patulin contamination

The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) was informed by the International Food Safety Authorities Network (INFOSAN) of a recall of “Ceres 100% Apple Juice” products, following elevated levels of patulin detected in some batches through the manufacturer’s in-house testing. The detected levels exceed the maximum limit^[1] in fruit juices as stated in the Singapore Food Regulations.

2 SFA has directed the importer, Naspac Marketing Pte Ltd, to recall the implicated batches of product. The recall is ongoing.

3 Patulin can occur in fruits such as apples, due to fungal contamination before and after harvest. The level of patulin detected may cause the products to be unsafe for consumption if there is long-term intake. The ingestion of large amounts of patulin from food is associated with nausea, gastrointestinal disturbances and vomiting. Brief exposure without excessive intake is unlikely to pose health issues.



4 Consumers who have purchased the implicated product are advised not to consume it. Those who have consumed the implicated product and have concerns about their health should seek medical advice.

[1] The maximum limit for patulin in fruit juice as stated in the Singapore Food Regulations is 50 parts per billion (ppb).

[2] https://www.sfa.gov.sg/docs/default-source/default-document-library/sfa-media-release-recall-of-ceres-100-apple-juice-products-due-to-patulin-contamination.pdf?sfvrsn=42954dc6_0

5 Details of the products are as follows.

Implicated products:

<p>Ceres 100% Apple Juice</p> <p>Packing Size: 200ml</p> <p>Best before date: 14 June 2022</p> <p>Country of origin: South Africa</p>	 <p>The image shows a 200ml carton of Ceres 100% Apple Juice. The label features the brand name 'Ceres' in a large, black, serif font at the top. Below it, '100% Fruit Juice' is written in a smaller, green, sans-serif font. A green banner with the word 'APPLE' in white capital letters is positioned below the text. To the right of the banner is a small white box with a black border containing the text 'NO SUGAR ADDED'. The central part of the label features a photograph of a whole red apple and a sliced apple showing its core. At the bottom left, the volume '200 ml' is printed in a bold, black font. Below the volume, there are three lines of text: '100% DE SUMOS', '100% DE JUS', and '100% عصير فواكه'. To the right of these lines, the words 'POMME', 'MAÇÀ', and 'التفاح' are listed vertically.</p>
<p>Ceres 100% Apple Juice</p> <p>Packing Size: 1L</p> <p>Best before date: 17 June 2022</p> <p>Country of origin: South Africa</p>	 <p>The image shows a 1L carton of Ceres 100% Apple Juice. The label features the brand name 'Ceres' in a large, black, serif font at the top. Below it, '100% Fruit Juice' is written in a smaller, green, sans-serif font. A green banner with the word 'APPLE' in white capital letters is positioned below the text. To the right of the banner is a small white box with a black border containing the text 'NO SUGAR ADDED'. The central part of the label features a photograph of a whole red apple and a sliced apple showing its core. At the bottom right, the volume '1L' is printed in a bold, black font. Below the volume, there are three lines of text: '100% DE SUMOS', '100% DE JUS', and '100% عصير فواكه'. To the right of these lines, the words 'POMME', 'MAÇÀ', and 'التفاح' are listed vertically.</p>

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