

**Recall of various flavours of “Primula’s Cheese Spread” due to contamination of *Clostridium botulinum***

The United Kingdom Food Standards Agency (FSA) has issued a food recall alert on various flavours of Primula’s Cheese Spread from the United Kingdom due to contamination with *Clostridium botulinum*, a bacterium.

2 Under the Singapore Food Regulations, no food sold for consumption shall be contaminated with any pathogenic microorganisms such as *Clostridium botulinum*. As the implicated products were imported into Singapore, the Singapore Food Agency has directed the importer, Atasco Pte Ltd, to recall the products. The recall is ongoing.

3 *Clostridium botulinum* produces lethal neurotoxins<sup>1</sup> that can lead to an illness called botulism. Botulism is typically associated with improper cooking and processing which do not completely eliminate the bacteria and its toxins from the food.

4 Consumers who have purchased the affected products should not consume it. Those who feel unwell may wish to seek medical attention, and may contact the importer at 9766 9860 for enquiries and for exchange or refund of products.

5 Details of the products are as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> Upon ingestion of these neurotoxins, symptoms such as double or blurred vision, slurred speech, difficulty in swallowing and breathing, muscle weakness and lack of muscle coordination can occur. In severe cases, paralysis of the lung muscles can result in fatalities.

**Implicated products**

Primula Plain Original  
Cheese Spread (150g)  
Product of United Kingdom  
(UK)  
Best before date: From 25  
December 2020 up to and  
including 28 January 2021



Primula Cheese Spread with  
Jalapeno (150g)  
Product of United Kingdom  
(UK)  
Best before date: From 25  
December 2020 up to and  
including 28 January 2021



Primula Light Cheese Spread  
(150g)  
Product of United Kingdom  
(UK)  
Best before date: From 25  
December 2020 up to and  
including 28 January 2021



Primula Cheese Spread with  
Ham (150g)  
Product of United Kingdom  
(UK)  
Best before date: From 25  
December 2020 up to and  
including 28 January 2021



Primula Cheese Spread with Chive (150g)  
Product of United Kingdom (UK)  
Best before date: From 25 December 2020 up to and including 28 January 2021



Primula Cheese Spread with Prawns (150g)  
Product of United Kingdom (UK)  
Best before date: From 25 December 2020 up to and including 28 January 2021



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