

**Recalls of ‘Best One’ Assorted Cake (banana flavour) and Bake King’s mixed fruits**

The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) has detected the presence of:

- i) sorbic acid in ‘Best One’ Assorted Cake (banana flavour) at levels exceeding the maximum limit stated in the Singapore Food Regulations; and
- ii) sulphur dioxide, an undeclared allergen, in Bake King’s mixed fruits.

As a precautionary measure, SFA has directed the importer (Deli X-press (S) Pte Ltd) and manufacturer (Gim Hin Lee Pte Ltd) of the respective products to recall these products.

Sorbic acid is a permitted food additive that is used for preservation purposes. Consumption of the affected product is unlikely to pose any adverse health effect due to its low toxicity.

Allergen in food could result in allergic reaction to individuals who are sensitive to it. Presence of excessive levels of sulphur dioxide in food could result in allergenic reactions in individuals who are hypersensitive to sulphite<sup>1</sup>. Symptoms includes hives, itchiness, stomachache, diarrhoea, and vomiting. The presence of sulphite does not pose a food safety issue to consumers at large, except for those who are allergic to sulphites. Under the Sale of Food (Food Regulations), food products containing ingredients that are known to cause hypersensitivity must be declared on food packaging labels to safeguard public health.

Consumers who have purchased the implicated products and have concerns about their health should not consume it. Consumers may contact their point of purchase for enquiries.

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<sup>1</sup> Sulphites is commonly used as a food additive and is typically tested for as sulphur dioxide (a gaseous substance)

Details of the products are as follows.

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| <p><b>Product name:</b><br/>Best One<br/>'Assorted Cake',<br/>Banana flavour<br/>'EXP:<br/>31/08/2022'</p> <p>Country of<br/>origin: Malaysia</p> <p>Importer: Deli X-<br/>press (S) Pte<br/>Ltd</p> <p>Recalled for<br/>presence of<br/>sorbic acid</p>                        |   |
| <p><b>Product name:</b><br/>Bake King's<br/>Mixed Fruits<br/>"All batches and<br/>all best before<br/>dates"</p> <p><b>Packed in:</b><br/>Singapore</p> <p>Manufacturer:<br/>Gim Hin Lee Pte<br/>Ltd</p> <p>Recalled for<br/>presence of<br/>undeclared<br/>sulphur dioxide</p> |  |