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Recall of two Mie Sedaap spicy noodle products from Indonesia due to presence of Ethylene Oxide

The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) has directed Sheng Sheng F&B Industries Pte Ltd to recall Mie Sedaap Korean Spicy Soup instant noodles and Korean Spicy Chicken instant noodles due to the presence of ethylene oxide. The recall is ongoing.

2 Following the detection of ethylene oxide in Haagen-Dazs ice cream products in August 2022, SFA surveyed other food products, including instant noodles for the presence of ethylene oxide. Ethylene oxide was not detected in any of the food products surveyed other than Mie Sedaap instant noodles. This triggered SFA to conduct regulatory testing of Mie Sedaap products so that we could take enforcement actions. So far, presence of ethylene oxide was confirmed in Mie Sedaap Korean Spicy Soup instant noodles and Korean Spicy Chicken instant noodles.

3 SFA is continuing regulatory testing of other Mie Sedaap instant noodle products. We are also working with the importers and Indonesian authorities to investigate and rectify the cause of ethylene oxide contamination. Should ethylene oxide be detected beyond the stipulated maximum levels, SFA will initiate recalls of the affected products as a precautionary measure.

Ethylene oxide

4 Ethylene oxide is a pesticide that is not authorised for use in food. It can be used to fumigate agricultural products to prevent microbial contamination. Under the Singapore Food Regulations, ethylene oxide is allowed to be used in the sterilization of spices. The Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) of ethylene oxide in spices should not exceed 50mg/kg (50ppm).

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5 Although there is no immediate risk to consumption of food contaminated with low levels of ethylene oxide, long term exposure may lead to health issues. Therefore, exposure to this substance should be minimised.

6 Consumers who have purchased the implicated products are advised not to consume it. Those 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.

Details of the products are as follows.

Product name:

Mie Sedaap Korean Spicy Chicken instant noodles

Expiry Date: 21 May 2023

Country of origin:

Indonesia



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Product name:

Mie Sedaap Korean Spicy Soup instant noodles

Expiry Date: 17 Mar 2023

Country of origin:

Indonesia



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