

**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.

3 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.

Details of the implicated products are as follows.

<p><b>Product name:</b> Xiyuguoyuan Xinjiang Paper Roasted Walnut</p> <p><b>Weight:</b> 500g</p> <p><b>Production Date:</b> 2024.03.24</p> <p><b>Country of Origin:</b> China</p>	
<p><b>Product name:</b> Xiyuguoyuan Xinjiang Paper Roasted Walnut</p> <p><b>Weight:</b> 1kg</p> <p><b>Production Date:</b> 2024.03.25</p> <p><b>Country of Origin:</b> China</p>	

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