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General Information

Notification number: 408917
Reference: 2019.3734
Notification type: food
Notification basis: monitoring of media
Notification classification: news
Product name: infant and follow-on formula
Product category: milk and milk products
Notifying country: European Commission
Notifying Country region:
CP Reference:
Date of notification: 25/10/2019
Subject: presence of mineral oil aromatic hydrocarbons (MOAH) in infant formula and follow-on formula
Infosan Informed: No
eCommerce Related: No
Notification status: EC VALIDATED
25/10/2019 12:31:50
Follow-up status:
Number of follow-ups: 0

Distribution Status

information on distribution not (yet) available

Countries notified for the notification and associated follow-up

For follow-up:

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For attention:

Risk

Serious risk: Undecided
Impact on: human health
Motivate serious risk:
Number of people affected:
Illness / patient's symptoms:
Other hazards: presence of mineral oil aromatic hydrocarbons (MOAH) in infant formula and follow-on formula

Products

Product name: infant and follow-on formula
Product category: milk and milk products

Product description

Product name on label: Several products in France, the Netherlands and Germany
Brand/trade name: Several brands: [REDACTED]
Product aspect:
Barcode no.:
Other labelling:
Weight:
Temperature: ambient

Traceability

Distribution status: information on distribution not (yet) available

Related products

None

Additional information

Date of last change of status:

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CP Reference:

Organisation / ministry:

Contact person:

Additional information:

Following the findings by Foodwatch of the presence of mineral oil aromatic hydrocarbons (MOAH) in infant formula and follow-on formula (<https://www.foodwatch.org/en/news/2019/foodwatch-laboratory-tests-suspected-carcinogenic-mineral-oil-residues-in-baby-milk/>), the Commission services request the relevant competent authorities to sample without delay the batches of infant formula which have been found by Foodwatch to contain MOAH and to perform investigations on the source of contamination. Given that MOAH are possible genotoxic carcinogens, in case the presence of MOAH is confirmed by official control, these products should be withdrawn from the market, on the basis of Article 14 of the General Food Law (Regulation (EC) 178/2002).

For the sampling and analysis, the JRC has published a "Guidance on sampling methods, on the performance criteria for the analytical methods and on the reporting of the analytical results (<https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/publication/guidance-sampling-analysis-and-data-reporting-monitoring-mineral-oil-hydrocarbons-food-and-food>).

The batches of infant formula and follow-on formula which have been found by Foodwatch to contain MOAH are the following.

In the Netherlands:

- [redacted]; MOAH: 1.6 mg/kg, Batch number: [redacted]; Expiration date: [redacted];
- [redacted]; MOAH: 0.8 mg/kg, Batch number: [redacted]; Expiration date: [redacted];
- [redacted]; MOAH: 1.2 mg/kg, Batch number: [redacted]; Expiration date: [redacted];

In France:

- [redacted]; MOAH: 1.2 mg/kg, Batch number: [redacted]; Expiration date: [redacted];
- [redacted]; MOAH: 0.7 mg/kg, Batch number: [redacted]; Expiration date: [redacted];

In Germany:

- [redacted]; MOAH: 3.0 mg/kg, Batch number: [redacted]; Expiration date: [redacted];
- [redacted]; MOAH: 1.9 mg/kg, Batch number: [redacted]; Expiration date: [redacted];
- [redacted]; MOAH: 0.5 mg/kg, Batch number: [redacted]; Expiration date: [redacted];

A discussion on the further follow-up on these findings of MOAH in infant formula and follow-on formula and the further possible regulatory follow-up as regards the presence of mineral oil hydrocarbons in food will take place in the Standing Committee Plants, Animals, Food and Feed, section Novel Food and Toxicological Safety of the Food Chain on 18 November 2019.

Attached documents

General documents:

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Products Operators information documents:

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Related Products Operators information documents:

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