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MEMORANDUM**BCC-09-53871**

TO : ALL DISTRICT/SUB-PORT COLLECTORS
ALL ASSESSMENT PERSONNEL
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

THRU : 
ATTY. VENER S. BAQUIRAN
Deputy Commissioner
Assessment and Operations Coordinating Group (AOCG)

FROM : 
ATTY. GENIEFELLE P. LAGMAY
Acting Director
Port Operations Service (POS)

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FROM THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION TO FURNISH INFORMATION ON SHIPMENTS OF FOOD PRODUCTS FROM THAILAND, MALAYSIA, CHINA, & INDIA, RECEIVED THROUGH THE ASEAN RAPID ALERT SYSTEM FOR FOOD AND FEED (ARASFF)**

DATE : 23 January 2025

This refers to the attached letters from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) dated 20 November 2024 and 02 December 2024, in line with the on-going implementation of Section 23, Article VII, "Rapid Alert System" of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 10611, otherwise known as the Food Safety Act of 2013.

Relative thereto, the FDA endorsed two (2) letters containing lists of products that have been found to be hazardous from Thailand, Malaysia, China, and India. FDA is requesting for information that shall be used for updating the ARASFF system and for the Bureau to take appropriate action on importations of the listed products.

In view thereof, all collection districts are directed to provide information on the said food products and to take appropriate action thereon, in the interest of food safety and public health.

For information and appropriate action.





20 November 2024

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Subject: *Notifications Received from Various Food Products Through the ASEAN Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (ARASFF)*

Dear Commissioner Rubio,

A greeting of hope for all of us!

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is hereby endorsing the following Notifications regarding various food products from the ASEAN Rapid Alert System for Food (ARASFF):

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| Notification No. | Product Involved | Hazard | Country of Dispatch /Origin | Country of Destination | Product Details |
|-------------------|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|
| MM-20240716-00588 | Magnolia Trio Bite Vanilla Flavoured Ice Confection Coated with Compound Chocolate and Wafer Pieces | Presence of saccharine (358.35 mg/kg) | Thailand | Myanmar | Exporter: Asiatic Mart (Thailand) Co., Ltd. 101 SOI charansanitwong 40/1 Bangyikhan, Bangphlan, Bangkok 10700 Thailand Lot No. Nil (Expired Date: 3-10-2025) |
| MM-20240716-00587 | Magnolia Chocolate Flavoured Ice Confection | Presence of saccharine (344 mg/kg) | Thailand | Myanmar | Exporter: Asiatic Mart (Thailand) Co., Ltd. 101 SOI charansanitwong 40/1 Bangyikhan, Bangphlan, Bangkok 10700 Thailand Lot No. Nil (Expired Date: 12-8-2025) |





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| MM-20240716-00589 | Magnolia Cravio Chocolate Flavoured Chocolate Flavoured Ice Confection Coated with Compound Chocolate and Peanuts | Presence of saccharine (376.64 mg/kg) | Thailand | Myanmar | Exporter: Asiatic Mart (Thailand) Co., Ltd. 101 SOI charansanitwong 40/1 Bangyikhan, Bangphlan, Bangkok 10700 Thailand Lot No. Nil (Expired Date: 21-9-2025) |
| MM-20240716-00590 | Magnolia Mag-A-Cone Chocolate Flavoured Ice Confection with Compound Chocolate and Peanuts | Presence of saccharine (396.99 mg/kg) | Thailand | Myanmar | Exporter: Asiatic Mart (Thailand) Co., Ltd. 101 SOI charansanitwong 40/1 Bangyikhan, Bangphlan, Bangkok 10700 Thailand Lot No. Nil |
| SG-20240612-00558 | Samy Instant Cooking Bak Kut Teh with Rice (Dry) (350g) 2) Samy Instant Cooking Bak Kut Teh with Rice (Soup) (450g) | Product Recall due to unapproved product source | Malaysia | Singapore | Importer: Biscotti Trading Pte Ltd and Boughtnex Pte Ltd. Lot No. all batch |
| SG-20240612-00564 | Xiyueguoyuan Xinjiang Paper Roasted Walnut | Presence of cyclamate | China | Singapore | Exporter: Hong Xin Da Pte Ltd Lot No. N/I |
| SG-20240612-00562 | BIBIK'S CHOICE Fish Nugget | Undeclared Food Allergen (egg) | Malaysia | Singapore | Exporter: Sin Li-Hin Frozen Food Pte Ltd. Lot No. expiry date - 19/09/2025 |
| SG-20240612-00561 | Everest's Masala Fish Curry | Product Recall due to exceeding levels of Ethylene oxide | India | Singapore | Exporter: Sp Muthiah Lot No. Best before date: 09/2025 |



Although the aforementioned products have not yet reached our country, the FDA respectfully requests your good office to provide information regarding any shipments involving these products (if any arise) and to take any necessary actions as deemed appropriate. This information will be used as reference for updating the ARASFF system.

We would greatly appreciate your support and collaboration in this national endeavor to ensure food safety through efficient and effective vigilance over our food systems.

For clarifications and for updates, please feel free to coordinate with the Center for Food Regulation and Research – Food Safety and Quality Division thru (8)857-1900 local 8105 or email us at foodsafety@fda.gov.ph.

Thank you for your usual cooperation.

Very truly yours,

for
Wg
DR. SAMUEL A. ZACATE
Director General
Food and Drug Administration *us*

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| Notification No. | Product Involved | Hazard | Country of Dispatch /Origin | Country of Destination | Product Details |
|-------------------|--|---|-----------------------------|------------------------|--|
| MM-20240716-00591 | MAGNOLIA Chocolate Flavoured Confection (355ml) | High Levels of Sweetener (as Saccharin)- 347.49 | Thailand | Myanmar | Name of Transport Company: Asiatic Mart (Thailand) Co., Ltd Lot No. Nil (Expired Date: 12-8-2025) |
| MM-20240716-00592 | MAGNOLIA NEAPOLITAN Strawberry, Chocolate and Vanilla Flavoured Ice Confection | High Levels of Sweetener (as Saccharin)- 212.57 mg/kg | Thailand | Myanmar | Name of Transport Company: Asiatic Mart (Thailand) Co., Ltd Lot No. Nil (Expired Date: 20-9-2025) |



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| MM-20240716-00593 | MAGNOLIA MAG-A- CONE Chocolate Flavoured Ice Confection with Compound Chocolate and Peanuts | High Levels of Sweetener (as Saccharin)- 349.73 mg/kg | Thailand | Myanmar | Name of Transport Company: Asiatic Mart (Thailand) Co., Ltd Lot No. Nil |
| MM-20240716-00594 | MAGNOLIA TRIO BITE Vanilla Flavoured Ice Confection Coated with Compound Chocolate and Wafer Pieces | High Levels of Sweetener (as Saccharin)- 230.34 mg/kg | Thailand | Myanmar | Name of Transport Company: Asiatic Mart (Thailand) Co., Ltd Lot No. Nil |
| MM-20240716-00595 | MAGNOLIA CRAVIO Chocolate Flavoured Ice Confection Coated with Compound Chocolate and Peanuts | High Levels of Sweetener (as Saccharin)- 338.85 mg/kg | Thailand | Myanmar | Name of Transport Company: Asiatic Mart (Thailand) Co., Ltd Lot No. Nil |


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DR. SAMUEL A. ZACATE
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Attachment:

Photos of the aforementioned food products: MAGNOLIA Chocolate Flavoured Confection, MAGNOLIA TRIO BITE Vanilla Flavoured Ice Confection Coated with Compound Chocolate and Wafer Pieces and MAGNOLIA CRAVIO Chocolate Flavoured Ice Confection Coated with Compound Chocolate and Peanuts

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Figure 1. MAGNOLIA Chocolate Flavoured Confection (355ml)



Figure 2. MAGNOLIA TRIO BITE Vanilla Flavoured Ice Confection Coated with Compound Chocolate and Wafer Pieces



Figure 3. MAGNOLIA CRAVIO Chocolate Flavour Ice Confection Coated with Compound Chocolate and Peanuts