

CFS urges public not to consume batch of Japanese bottled alcoholic drink due to possible damage of bottle rims

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department today (May 18) urged the public not to consume a batch of a bottled alcoholic drink imported from Japan due to possible damage of the bottle rims. The trade should also stop using or selling the affected batch of the product immediately if they possess it.

Details of the product are as follows:

Product name: Not available in English
Place of origin: Japan
Manufacturer: Hakutsuru Sake Brewing Co Ltd
Importer: Nansen Trading Co (HK) Ltd
Volume: 720 millilitres per bottle
Lot code: HBZG/UP

A CFS spokesman said, "The CFS, through its routine Food Incident Surveillance System, noted that the above-mentioned product is under recall in Japan and Macao due to possible damage of the bottle rims. The CFS immediately followed up with major local importers, retailers and the Japanese authorities concerned. According to the information provided by the Japanese authorities, a local importer, Nansen Trading Co (HK) Ltd, had imported the affected batch of the product into Hong Kong."

The spokesman said that according to the information provided by the importer concerned, it had imported 25 cartons (a total of 150 bottles) of the affected batch of the product, of which seven cartons were distributed and the remaining stock was stored in its warehouse. The importer has removed from shelves and stopped sale of the affected product and initiated a recall. Members of the public may call the hotline of the importer at 2546 6680 during office hours for enquiries about the recall.

The spokesman urged members of the public not to consume the affected batch of the product if they have purchased any. The trade should also stop using or selling the affected batch of the product immediately if they possess it.

The CFS will alert the trade to the incident, continue to follow up and take appropriate action. Investigation is ongoing.