

CFS urges public not to consume several kinds of prepackaged candies suspected to contain mineral oil

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department today (June 16) urged the public not to consume several kinds of prepackaged candies, as the products might contain mineral oils (mineral oil saturated hydrocarbons (MOSH) and mineral oil aromatic hydrocarbons (MOAH)). The CFS urged the public not to consume the products concerned, regardless of batches. The trade should stop using or selling the affected products immediately if they possess any of them.

Product details are as follows:

Product name:

- (1) Jolly Rancher Hard Candy
- (2) Jolly Rancher 'Misfits' Gummies
- (3) Jolly Rancher Hard Candy Fruity 2 in 1
- (4) Jolly Ranchers Berry Gummies

Manufacturer: The Hershey Company

A spokesman for the CFS said, "The CFS noted a notice issued by the British Authority indicating that the above-mentioned products might contain mineral oils MOSH and MOAH. The products are not compliant with their local law and all batches of products concerned are being recalled.

After a preliminary investigation, the CFS confirmed one local supplier, Wahcom Limited had imported one of the affected products, Jolly Rancher Hard Candy into Hong Kong."

The supplier concerned has voluntarily stopped sales, removed the affected products from shelves and initiated a recall. Members of the public may call the supplier's hotline at 2442 2677 during office hours for enquiries about the recall.

According to the Mineral Oil in Food Regulations (Cap 132AR), no person shall use or permit to be used any mineral oil in the composition or preparation of any article of food intended for sale for human consumption.

â€‹The CFS will alert the trade to the incident and will continue to follow up and take appropriate action. An investigation is ongoing.