

CFS urges public not to consume several kinds of prepackaged seasonings that may contain plastic foreign matter

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department today (February 4) urged the public not to consume several kinds of Cape Herb & Spice's prepackaged seasonings because the products might possibly contain plastic foreign matter. The trade should also stop using or selling the affected batches of the products immediately if they possess them.

A spokesman for the CFS said, "The CFS, through its Food Incident Surveillance System, noted notifications from the relevant overseas food safety authorities that the following batches of products might contain plastic foreign matter and initiated recalls overseas. Upon learning of the incident, the CFS immediately contacted local importers for follow-up. Preliminary investigation found that the importer, European Gourmet Limited, had imported into Hong Kong the first four of the following products concerned."

Brand: Cape Herb & Spice

Place of origin: South Africa

Names of affected products and batches:

- (1) Seasoned Salt (Net weight: 240g) (Best-before dates: from January 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027)
- (2) Extra Bold Peppercorns (Net weight: 185g) (Best-before dates: November 6, 2025, and from January 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027)
- (3) Himalayan Pink Salt (Net weight: 390g) (Best-before dates: November 8, 2025, and from January 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027)
- (4) Atlantic Sea Salt (Net weight: 360g) (Best-before dates: November 6, 2025, February 8, 2026, April 25, 2026 and May 21, 2026)
- (5) Atlantic Sea Salt (Net weight: 380g) (Best-before dates: from January 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027)
- (6) Salt & Pepper (Net weight: 310g) (Best-before dates: October 18, 2025, and from January 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027)
- (7) Sizzling Steak House Seasoning (Net weight: 230g) (Best-before dates: January 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027)
- (8) Chilli & Garlic (Net weight: 190g) (Best-before dates: from January 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027)
- (9) Rainbow Pepper (Net weight: 175g) (Best-before dates: from January 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027)
- (10) Sweet & Smoky BBQ (Net weight: 230g) (Best-before dates: December 12, 2025, December 14, 2025 and May 9, 2026)

The importer concerned has stopped sales, removed from shelves the affected products and initiated a recall according to the CFS's instructions. Members of the public may call the hotline of the importer at 2880 0588 during office hours for enquiries.

The spokesman urged members of the public not to consume the affected batches of the products if they have bought them. The trade should also stop using or selling the products concerned immediately.

The CFS has alerted the trade to the incident, and will continue to follow up and take appropriate action. The investigation is ongoing.