

Japanese bottled tea beverage may pose risk to consumers

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department today (November 21) said that the bottle cap of a kind of bottled tea beverage imported from Japan is suspected to be not properly sealed which may pose a risk to consumers. The CFS is following up on the incident.

Product details are as follows:

Product name: Not available in English
Place of origin: Japan
Manufacturer: Kirin Beverage Company, Limited
Importer: 759 Store
Volume: 430 millilitres per bottle
Lot Codes: 2020.4.30i140S and 2020.6.20i140S

A CFS spokesman said, "The CFS, through its routine Food Incident Surveillance System, noted a notice issued by the Japanese authorities concerned that the manufacturer of the abovementioned product is recalling several batches of the affected product in Japan as the bottle cap of the affected product is suspected to be not properly sealed which may pose a risk to consumers. The CFS immediately followed up with major local importers and retailers."

Preliminary investigations found that a local importer, 759 Store, had imported a total of 8 400 bottles of the abovementioned affected batches of the product which were on sale in its retail outlets. The importer has removed from shelves and stopped sale of the affected batches of the product and initiated a recall according to CFS' instructions. Members of the public may call its hotline at 3960 9349 during office hours for enquiries about the recall.

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