



WanaBana Issues Voluntary Recall of WanaBana Apple Cinnamon Fruit Purée Pouches due to Elevated Lead Levels

For Immediate Release – October 29, 2023 - United States - WanaBana USA is voluntarily recalling WanaBana Apple Cinnamon Fruit Purée pouches due to reports of elevated levels of lead found in certain units of the product.

Lead is toxic to humans and can affect people of any age or health status. Protecting children from exposure to lead is important to lifelong good health. Lead exposure in children is often difficult to see. Most children have no obvious immediate symptoms. If you suspect that your child might have consumed this product, parents should talk to your child’s healthcare provider about getting a blood lead test. Lead poisoning can only be diagnosed through clinical testing. Although signs and symptoms of lead toxicity vary, short term exposure to lead could result in the following symptoms:

- Headache
- Abdominal pain/Colic
- Vomiting
- Anemia

Longer term exposure could result in additional symptoms:

- Irritability
- Lethargy
- Fatigue
- Muscle aches or muscle prickling/burning
- Occasional abdominal discomfort
- Constipation
- Difficulty concentrating/Muscular exhaustibility
- Headache
- Tremor
- Weight loss

WanaBana Apple Cinnamon Fruit Purée Pouches were distributed nationwide through online and retail stores. The affected product information is as follows:

Product Name: WanaBana Apple Cinnamon Fruit Puree in 3-pack pouches of 2.5 oz.

Affected Batches:

| Batch | Units | | Batch | Units |
|----------|-------|--|----------|--------|
| 10022:31 | 33165 | | 01023:03 | 48735 |
| 11022:08 | 22185 | | 01023:17 | 62235 |
| 11022:09 | 23730 | | 01023:23 | 67590 |
| 11022:10 | 33420 | | 01023:27 | 60975 |
| 11022:12 | 12120 | | 01023:30 | 101205 |
| 11022:14 | 29025 | | 01023:31 | 99180 |
| 11022:15 | 32085 | | 02023:07 | 84780 |
| 11022:16 | 34860 | | 02023:18 | 129600 |
| 12022:23 | 64170 | | 04023:23 | 96390 |
| | | | 04023:24 | 138240 |
| | | | 04023:25 | 64395 |
| | | | 04023:26 | 68805 |
| | | | 05023:08 | 85950 |
| | | | 05023:09 | 101520 |
| | | | 05023:10 | 89460 |
| | | | 05023:11 | 95535 |
| | | | 05023:15 | 88605 |
| | | | 10022:31 | 33165 |

WanaBana USA has initiated a voluntary recall of the affected batches and is working closely with the FDA to investigate the source of the contamination. The company is committed to ensuring the safety of its products and the well-being of its consumers.

Four illnesses have been reported to date, leading North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services to investigate and sample the pouches. North Carolina's analyses came back with elevated concentrations of lead which could result in acute toxicity. WanaBana USA is working to investigate the source of the contamination.

Consumers who have purchased WanaBana Apple Cinnamon Fruit Puree Pouches with the specified batch numbers and expiration dates are urged to stop using the product immediately and return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Parents and caregivers of toddlers and young children who may have been exposed to lead should contact their health care provider to report their symptoms and receive care. Consumers with questions can email the company at support@wanabanafruits.com.



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