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WanaBana USA issues updated information on Voluntary Recall of WanaBana Apple Cinnamon Fruit Purée Pouches

December 16, 2023, USA--- Wanabana USA has been collaborating with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) in managing the voluntary recall of certain Apple Cinnamon fruit puree products manufactured by Austrofood and sold under the WanaBana brand in the United States tested positive for elevated levels of lead. Wanabana USA, the distributor of WanaBana products in the United States, continues to oversee the voluntary recall of all affected products from the market in close coordination with FDA.

Both Austrofood and Wanabana USA have established a consumer refund program designed to reimburse users of the recalled products for documented out-of-pocket costs for healthcare provider visits and blood testing up to a total amount of \$150 for a lead test as instructed by their primary healthcare professional.

As reported previously, based on the investigation to date, cinnamon appears to be the source of the elevated lead levels in the recalled products. In the interest of public health, Wanabana USA and Austrofoods are sharing that the cinnamon used in the recalled products was supplied by Negocios Asociados Mayoristas S.A., operating as Negasmart, a third-party company. Austrofoods and Wanabana USA are aware of reporting by Politico.com of a statement by an FDA official that the lead contamination might have been an intentional act. Austrofoods has initiated legal action in Ecuador against Negasmart for supplying the contaminated cinnamon. Austrofoods and Wanabana USA are not aware whether the alleged contamination by Negasmart was intentional or accidental.

Based on the investigation to date, which includes tests of Austrofood products by FDA, Austrofood, and third-party laboratories to date, cinnamon appears to be the only source of any elevated lead levels. Austrofood products that do not contain cinnamon are not included in the recall in the United States. Both companies are fully cooperating with FDA on the recall, both in terms of scope and messaging.

Austrofood and Wanabana USA have established a toll-free Consumer Help Call line where consumers may ask questions and obtain information about the refund and reimbursement program. The Toll-Free Consumer Information Center will begin operating in the coming week with operators standing by to assist with questions. Consumers can also email the company at support@wanabanafruits.com.



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