



Press Statement

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PRODUCT RECALL: KOO CANNED VEGETABLES, HUGO BAKED BEANS AND HELDERBERG PEAS

The Competition and Consumer Authority (CCA) has received a voluntary product recall communication from Tyger Brands, the manufacturers/distributors of canned vegetable products (**KOO canned vegetables, Hugo baked beans and Helderberg Peas**) following a defect that was observed on some cans bearing the product **codes below**. The local distributor of the products (CA Sales) estimates the quantity of the products that are already in the Botswana market to be in the region of 60 000 units. These products are available in most of the local chain stores and general dealers.

The CCA, which is the primary consumer protection agency, is mandated by the Consumer Protection Act, 2018 which provides under section 15 (5) that where the Authority discovers that a supplier is supplying unsafe goods which do not conform to the mandatory safety standards, the Authority is mandated to among other things recall such goods, disclose to the public any information that makes the goods unsafe or even direct the supplier to replace the goods or refund any consumer who bought the unsafe goods or compensate the consumer for any damage suffered by the consumer in using the unsafe goods at an amount determined by the Authority.

Following the voluntary product recall by industry, the Authority wishes to appeal to consumers to take precaution and return the said products to the stores where they were purchased from, with or without receipts.

Although industry information is that the defective cans do not pose any health hazard to consumers, the CCA awaits determination from the Health Authorities on the potential health hazard of the recalled products.

The table below shows the batch numbers and product names of the recalled items:

| Item | Product-code | Brand | Description |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------|---|
| 1. | 15-4259- | KOO | Koo Baked Beans in Tomato Sauce 12x /12x410g |
| 2. | 15-2411- | KOO | Koo Baked Beans on tomato sauce lite 12x410g |
| 3. | 15-2234- | HUGOS | Hugo's Baked Beans in Tomato Sauce 6x410g |
| 4. | 15-2240- | KOO | Multi-Pack Bits 4x410g |
| 5. | 15-10006- | KOO | Koo Butter Beans 12x410g |
| 6. | 15-3972- | KOO | Koo Butter Beans Curry/Tangy Sauce 12x410g |
| 7. | 15-10007- | KOO | Koo Butter Beans in Tomato Sauce 12x410g |
| 8. | 15-10012- | KOO | Koo Chilli Beans 12x410g |
| 9. | 15-2392- | KOO | Koo Baked Beans in Tomato & Herb Sauce 12x410g |
| 10. | 15-2393- | KOO | Koo Butter Beans Curry Sauce 12x410g |
| 11. | 15-2394- | KOO | Koo Butter Beans in Hot Chakalaka 12x410g |
| 12. | 15-15586 | KOO | Koo Butter Beans in BBQ Flavoured Sauce 12x410g |
| 13. | 15-15587 | KOO | Koo Butter Beans in Chilli Wors Flavoured Sauce |
| 14. | 15-4253- | KOO | Koo cream Style Sweetcorn 12x415g |
| 15. | 15-10033- | KOO | Koo Whole Kernel Corn 12x410g |
| 16. | 15-4161- | KOO | Koo Veg Curry in Tangu Sauce 12x410g |
| 17. | 15-4160- | KOO | Koo Veg Curry Hot 12x410g |
| 18. | 15-10021- | KOO | Koo Vegetable Curry 12x410g |
| 19. | 15-10019- | KOO | Koo Cape Malay 12x410g |
| 20. | 15-10022- | KOO | Koo Durban Curry 12x410g |
| 21. | 15-10018- | KOO | Koo mixed Vegetable 12x410g |
| 22. | 15-15619- | H/BERG | Hbg Fresh Garden Peas 12x410g |
| 23. | 15-10024- | KOO | Koo Fresh Garden Peas 12x410g |
| 24. | 15-15588- | KOO | Koo Fresh Garden Peas 12x410g |
| 25. | 15-15590- | KOO | Koo Surfmaid Petit Pois in Brine |
| 26. | 15-10030- | KOO | Koo Short Spaghetti 12x410g |

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