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## PRESS RELEASE

### **RECALL ALERT OF CERTAIN BRANDS OF PEANUT BUTTER PRODUCTS IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA.**

The Ministry of Health is in receipt of some communication from Food Control: National Health Department - Republic of South Africa, regarding the recall of various brands of peanut butter with **immediate effect**. All the implicated brands, subject to the recall were sourced from a single manufacturer – House of Natural Butters. At the time of the recall, none of these products had been imported into the Botswana market.

As a precautionary measure, the ministry urges consumers not to consume the affected products when they come into contact with them. All other peanut butter products outside the indicated products, are **not** affected and, therefore, are **excluded** from the recall.

#### **The affected products are as follows:**

<b>Product description</b>	Pick n Pay's No Name Smooth peanut butter, 1kg
	Eden All Natural Smooth peanut butter
	Eden All Natural Crunch peanut butter
	Dischem's Lifestyle Smooth and Crunchy, 400g
	Wazoogles Superfoods- all sizes 32g to 20kg
<b>Reason for recall</b>	Presence of higher than acceptable levels of aflatoxins are a public health concern. Aflatoxins are toxic compounds produced by certain moulds / fungus that contaminate stored food supplies such as peanuts (the raw materials used in manufacturing peanut butter).
<b>Health risk to consumers</b>	Nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain and increased risk of liver cancer.
<b>Advice to the consumer</b>	Customers who bought any of the affected products in South Africa should follow the following steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Step 1: Check the packaging for the product description.</li><li>• Step 2: Return the affected product to the store (or its representative in Botswana) where it was purchased for a full refund with or without proof of purchase.</li><li>• Step 3: Contact Environmental Health officers in Local authorities for further clarification if needed.</li></ul>
<b>Advice to all manufacturers, distributors and suppliers of peanut butter</b>	Comply with the <b>Food Control (Maximum levels of Aflatoxins in foods) regulation, S.I, 33, 2011</b> and conduct tests to assess the safety of the products on their shelves and take immediate corrective action.
<b>Further information.</b>	Contact the nearest Local Authority or call Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Food Control Division at 3632121/2135.