

**SFA recalls kueh products by 2 local manufacturers
due to presence of benzoic acid**

The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) has detected benzoic acid, a food additive, in kueh products manufactured by K & B Nonya Kueh Manufacture Pte. Ltd and Beng San Food Industry Pte. Ltd. As benzoic acid is not allowed in kueh products under the Singapore Food Regulations, SFA has directed the manufacturers to recall the products. The recall is ongoing.

2 Affected products include Kueh Seri Muka and Kueh Lapis from K & B Nonya Kueh Manufacture Pte. Ltd., as well as Yam Cake, Carrot Cake, Pumpkin Cake, Soon Kueh and Png Kueh from Beng San Food Industry Pte. Ltd.

3 Under the Singapore Food Regulations, only permitted food additives with levels within the maximum levels are allowed for use in food.

4 Based on the levels detected, once off consumption of the affected products is unlikely to be of food safety concern. Consumers, however, should not consume food containing high levels of benzoic acid over a long period of time. This is because even though benzoic acid is a common additive which is safe when used in small quantities, studies in animals fed with high doses of benzoic acid have shown disorder of the central nervous system as well as changes in their brains.

5 Consumers who have consumed the implicated products and have concerns about their health should seek medical advice. Consumers may contact their point of purchase for enquiries.

6 Details of the products are as follows:

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| Implicated product Kueh Seri Muka (Pandan) Manufacturer: K & B Nonya Kueh Manufacture Pte. Ltd. |  |
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Implicated product:
Kueh Seri Muka (Corn)

Manufacturer: K & B Nonya Kueh
Manufacture Pte. Ltd.



Implicated product:
Kueh Seri Muka (Red bean)

Manufacturer: K & B Nonya Kueh
Manufacture Pte. Ltd.



Implicated product:
Kueh Lapis

Manufacturer: K & B Nonya Kueh
Manufacture Pte. Ltd.



Implicated product:
Carrot Cake

Manufacturer: Beng San Food
Industry



Implicated product:
Yam Cake

Manufacturer: Beng San Food
Industry



Implicated product:
Pumpkin Cake

Manufacturer: Beng San Food
Industry



Implicated product:
Soon Kueh

Manufacturer: Beng San Food
Industry



Implicated product:

Png Kueh

Manufacturer: Beng San Food
Industry



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