

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORATE NOTICE

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In accordance with the Food Safety Act and Regulation (EC) No.178 of 2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council, the Environmental Health Directorate within the Superintendence of Public Health wishes to inform the public that from information received through the Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed the said product must not be consumed since it contains a high level of cyanide.

Cyanide forms following a chemical reaction with Amygdaline which can be naturally found in the pits of fruits such as apricots and papayas, in raw nuts and in plants such as lima beans, clover, and sorghum. Ingestion of large quantities of such foods may result in toxicity

Product description:	Sweet Apricot Kernels
Brand:	Morgenland
Weight:	250g
Lot numbers:	L160571 and L160369
Durability dates:	22/03/2017 and 02/03/2017
Origin:	Pakistan

Since the company involved declared that part of the consignment has been sold, this Directorate is obliged to inform the public of this recall.

For further information, the public is kindly requested to contact the Health Inspectorate Services [between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.](#) on telephone number [21337333](#), or by calling personally at its offices at Continental Business Centre, Old Railway Track, Santa Venera or by email mhi@gov.mt. The public is also being invited to access the Directorate's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Environmental-Health-Directorate-Malta/145027878928626?ref=hl> or our official website at <http://health.gov.mt/en/environmental/Pages/Home-Page.aspx> for similar information.

