

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 'Amygdalin' which can be naturally found in the pits of many 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 and durability dates: L162030 / 18-09-2017

L161948 / 13-09-2017

L162785 / 08-12-2017

L162786 / 08-01-2018

L170875 / 08-04-2018

L171781 / 07-07-2018

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 via email mhi@gov.mt. The public is also 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.

