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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORATE NOTICE

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, said products must not be consumed since they contain an ingredient which is potentially contaminated with ethylene oxide.

Product description: Vitamins + Minerals, Orange Flavour x 30 tablets

Brand: Aptonia

Lots: L21.140 and L21.189

Product description: Electrolytes Tablets, Ecosize, 2 x 20 tablets, lemon flavour

Brand: Aptonia

Lot: L21.166

Product description: Electrolytes Tablets, 2 x 10 tablets, strawberry fla

Brand: Aptonia

Lot: L21.188

Product description: Electrolytes Tablets, 2 x 10 tablets, lemon flavour

Brand: Aptonia

Lot: L21.167

Ethylene oxide is a pesticide that is not permitted for use in foods sold in the EU but is approved for use by other countries outside the EU. Although the consumption of the contaminated product does not pose an immediate risk to health, there is an increased risk if there is continued consumption of this chemical in contaminated foods over a long period of time. Therefore, exposure to ethylene oxide needs to be minimised as much as possible. This recall is also in line with common approach agreed Member States at https://ec.europa.eu/food/system/files/2021-07/rasff_ethylene-oxide-incident_e410_crisis-coord_sum.pdf

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 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 for similar information at <https://deputyprimeminister.gov.mt/en/environmental/Pages/Home-Page.aspx>.

