

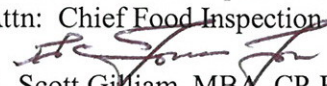


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State Health Commissioner

DATE: October 25, 2010

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM: 
A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Director, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT: Colombina S.A. Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION: Unclassified Recall; Colombina Brand Mega Pops in 14-ounce and 28-ounce cellophane bags containing watermelon, cherry, orange and grape flavored pops; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the products being recalled may be distributed in the State of Indiana. Colombina Mega Pops are distributed nationwide through several different retailers and wholesalers. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled products are found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

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**Mega Pops Manufacturer Leads Effort with Retailers to Recall Product
Voluntarily During Review of Customer Concerns
*Colombina believes product does not present health risk***

Contact:
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Miami, FL - October 22, 2010 - A limited number of Mega Pops™ brand lollipops may contain traces of foreign particles, and as a precautionary measure, manufacturer Colombina S.A. is asking customers to return these lollipops to their retailer and instructing retailers to recall the product voluntarily. Colombina believes the product presents no health risk.

Colombina S.A. is voluntarily recalling specific lots of Colombina Brand Mega Pops in 14-ounce and 28-ounce cellophane bags containing watermelon, cherry, orange and grape flavored pops. Affected Mega Pops can be identified by **UPC Code numbers 0 14272 10873 9 or 0 14272 10862 3**, and are in lots marked as **Lot #1240695, Lot #1209708, or Lot #1209796**. The lot number appears in a white square on the lower left hand side of the reverse of each bag. The voluntary recall of these lots is part of Colombina's diligent product review.

Customers who return the product to the store where they purchased the product may receive a refund or store credit for the purchase price of the product. The offer applies to all bags of Mega Pops about which customers may have a concern, regardless of lot number.

"We are always guided by customer safety and satisfaction," said Carlos Gil, Colombina USA Vice President. "Using an abundance of caution, we are working with all our valued retailers to quickly remove the product from the shelves. We've also set up a special 24 hour hotline to answer any questions consumers may have."

Colombina is coordinating efforts with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as well as with U.S. retailers, and will continue to do so until the matter has been resolved. The company is committed to ensuring the safety and quality of all its products. Colombina Mega Pops are distributed nationwide through several different retailers and wholesalers.

Until the situation is resolved to the satisfaction of all parties involved, Mega Pops will be temporarily unavailable in the U.S., as Colombina has asked retailers to remove the product voluntarily as a precaution.

Customers with questions can call toll-free to 1-888-317-3686.

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Photo: Product Labels⁹

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DSHS Orders Sangar Produce to Close, Recall Products

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - October 20, 2010 - The Texas Department of State Health Services today ordered Sangar Fresh Cut Produce in San Antonio to stop processing food and recall all products shipped from the plant since January. The order was issued after laboratory tests of chopped celery from the plant indicated the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes*, a bacterium that can cause severe illness.

State law allows DSHS to issue such orders when conditions exist that pose "an immediate and serious threat to human life or health."

The recalled products – primarily cut fresh produce in sealed packages – were distributed to restaurants and institutional entities, such as hospitals and schools, and are not believed to be sold in grocery stores.

The testing was done as part of a DSHS investigation into 10 listeriosis cases, including five deaths, reported to the department over an eight-month period. Six of the 10 cases have been linked to chopped celery from the Sangar plant. The illnesses occurred in Bexar, Travis and Hidalgo counties. All of the illnesses were in people with serious underlying health problems.

Health officials said pinpointing a *Listeria* source is often difficult due to the small number of cases, the illness' long incubation period and difficulty collecting complete information about what people ate.

DSHS inspectors also found sanitation issues at the plant and believe the *Listeria* found in the chopped celery may have contaminated other food produced there. The department found a condensation leak above a food product area, soil on a preparation table and hand washing issues. DSHS food safety personnel are contacting distributors, restaurants and institutions believed to have received the recalled products to ensure they are taking appropriate action to protect consumers.

DSHS continues to investigate possible sources of contamination and where the products were distributed. Sangar's customers are advised to discard or return the products. Cooking the products is not recommended.