

New Zealand recalls Morinaga baby biscuits due to possible animal droppings

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New Zealand Food Safety is assisting Tokyo Food Company Ltd and Wholesale Club in their recall of imported Morinaga brand Manna Bolo baby biscuits due to the potential presence of animal droppings in the products.

Vincent Arbuckle, deputy director-general of New Zealand Food Safety, expressed concern about the potential health risks associated with these biscuits, particularly for babies and young children. He warned that ingestion of animal droppings could lead to serious illnesses, such as E. coli and Salmonella infections, for these vulnerable groups. As a result, consumers are advised not to consume these products and can return them to the place of purchase for a refund. If returning the products is not possible, they should be discarded.

The affected products, which have also been recalled in Japan, Singapore, and Hong Kong, are sold at ethnic grocery stores nationwide. New Zealand Food Safety reminds consumers to be alert for symptoms of salmonellosis and E. coli infection, such as stomach cramps, diarrhoea, fever, headache, nausea, and vomiting. If there are concerns about a child's health after consuming these biscuits, it is recommended to seek advice from a health professional.

New Zealand Food Safety has not received any reports of associated illnesses related to these products. The affected products have been withdrawn from store shelves and have not been re-exported.