



## CCC - CP - NOTICE 2 of 2021

# WARNING NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

## RECALL OF CANNED VEGETABLES BY TIGER BRANDS DUE TO DEFECTIVE CANS

The COMESA Competition Commission (the "Commission") hereby notifies the general public that Tiger Brands Limited, a South African packaged goods company, is recalling certain KOO and Hugo's canned vegetable products produced from 1 May 2019 to 5 May 2021 due to defective cans. The recall by Tiger Brands indicates that the cans may have a defective side seam weld that could cause the can to leak. According to Tiger Brands, the defect, which it identified during its internal processes, has a probability of causing illness and injury to the consumers.

The recalled canned products listed in the table below include products from the KOO and Hugo's canned vegetable range, including baked beans, that were produced from 1 May 2019 to 5 May 2021.

Product Description	Weight	Barcode
KOO Baked Beans in Tomato Sauce	410g	6009522300586
KOO Baked Beans in Tomato Sauce-Lite	410g	6009522306571
Hugo's Baked Beans in Tomato Sauce	410g	6009522305536
KOO Baked Beans in Tomato Sauce 4 pack **NEW**	4 x 410g	6009522307653
KOO Butter Beans in Brine	410g	6001024023543

### **RECALLED CANNED VEGETABLES**

KOO Butter Beans in Tangy Curry Sauce	410g	6001024000469
KOO Butter Beans in Tomato Sauce	420g	6001024024007
KOO Baked Beans in Chilli Sauce	420g	6001024035003
KOO Baked Beans in Tomato & Herb	410g	6009522303006
KOO Baked Beans in Curry Sauce	410g	6009522303020
KOO Baked Beans in Hot Chakalaka	410g	6009522303013
KOO Baked Beans in BBQ Flavoured Sauce	410g	6009522308117
KOO Baked Beans in Chilli Wors Flavoured Sauce	410g	6009522308124
KOO Creamstyle Sweetcorn	415g	6009522300562
KOO Whole Kernel in Brine	410g	6001024386655
KOO Mixed Vegetables in Sweet and Spicy Curry Sauce	420g	6009522300296
KOO Mixed Vegetables in Hot Curry Sauce	420g	6009522300289
KOO Mixed Vegetables in Curry Sauce	420g	6001024549913
KOO Mixed Vegetables in Cape Malay Curry Sauce	420g	6009522307639
KOO Mixed Vegetables in Durban Curry Sauce	420g	6009522307646
KOO Mixed Vegetables in Brine	410g	6001024103184
Helderberg Fresh Garden Peas in Sweetened Brine	400g	6009522308506
KOO Fresh Garden Peas in Brine	410g	6001024223318
KOO Fresh Garden Peas in Brine	400g	6009522308186
KOO Surfmaid Peas Petit Pois in Sweetened Brine	400g	6009522308193
KOO Short Spaghetti in Flavoured Tomato Sauce	410g	6001024383623

The recalled products can be identified by looking at the manufacturing date code stamped on the bottom or top of the can. The manufacturing date appears in the first line following the letters MAN. In the example below, the manufacturing date is 5 May 2021.

MAN 05/05/2021 08:58 4 K2 2H 9

**BEST BEFORE 05/05/2024** 

The Commission has established that the recalled products are imported and marketed in the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa ("the Common market"). Thus, the safety issue will affect consumers and distribution networks of the affected products in the Common Market. In view of the foregoing and pursuant to Article 30 (1) (b) of the COMESA Competition Regulations (the "Regulations"), the Commission would like to inform the general public to exercise caution and avoid purchase or consumption of the recalled products.

The Commission has further requested Tiger Brands to: (i) recall the affected products from the Common Market; (ii) issue a notice to the public indicating its distributors and related dealers in the Common Market to enable consumers identify where to return products; (iii) inform the public of any undertaking to replace the products or refund the price of the products; and (iv) desist from exporting the same products to the Common market until such a time when the defect is corrected and the general public is informed accordingly.

The Commission welcomes any representations on the matter from all interested stakeholders and the general public. Should you require more information or clarification on the matter you may contact the undersigned on +265 1 772 466, <u>wmwemba@comesa.int</u> or Mr. Steven Kamukama, Manager, Consumer Welfare and Advocacy Division on <u>skamukama@comesa.int</u>.

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