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**WARNING NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**  
**RECALL OF SEVERAL BRANDS OF INFANT MILK DUE TO PRESENCE OF CERREULIDE**

**A. RECALL OF NUTRICIA APTAMIL AND NUTRICIA APTAJUNIOR**

1. The COMESA Competition and Consumer Commission (the “**Commission**”) has been made aware of a recall issued by Nutricia Southern Africa concerning Nutricia Aptamil Nutribiotik 2 (800g) and Nutricia Aptajunior Nutribiotik 3 (800g) products, affecting a total of 2,989 units.
2. According to a media statement released on 6 March 2026 by the National Consumer Commission of South Africa (the “**NCC**”), a raw material used in the production of the affected batches may contain traces of cereulide, a toxin which, at elevated levels of exposure, can lead to symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, and abdominal cramps.
3. The reported affected batches from Nutricia Southern Africa are as indicated below:

Product Description	Batch Number	Expiry date
Aptamil Nutribiotik 2 (800g) 	20260911	11/9/2026
	20261209	9/12/ 2026
Aptajunior Nutribiotik 3 (800g) 	20261209	9/12/ 2026

- The NCC reported that the affected products were sold at Dis-Chem and Clicks and distributed in South Africa by United Pharmaceutical since August 2025. According to the manufacturer, these products were also exported to Botswana and Namibia. More information regarding this recall may be accessed using the link below:

<https://thencc.org.za/product-safety-recall-nutricia-aptamil-nutribiotik-2-and-nutricia-aptajunior-nutribiotik-3/>



- Out of an abundance of caution, the Commission wishes to notify consumers in COMESA to be on the lookout for the affected batches, which may have found their way into the Common Market, and avoid purchasing or using the said products. Any Consumers who may have been affected by the recalled products and require further information are encouraged to contact Nutricia Southern Africa via their website at [www.nutricia.co.za](http://www.nutricia.co.za) and/or report to the Commission for assistance.


### **B. RECALL OF APTAMIL AND NURSIE INFANT MILK**

- The Commission has also become aware of the recall of Aptamil and Nursie Infant Milk following an alert issued by the National Office for Food Safety in Morocco (the “ONSSA”) on 8 March 2026 on its official Facebook page. According to ONSSA, the affected products are likely to contain cerreulide and can cause digestive disorders. ONNSA is reported to have seized the affected products in the market, and these will be destroyed once the recall process is concluded. More information is available on the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1GktcTfDGH/>

- The affected batches are indicated below:

<b>Product Brand</b>	<b>Batch Number</b>	<b>Expiry</b>
 <p>Nursia 1 (400g)</p>	20260717	17/07/2026
	20260807	17/08/2026
	20261211	11/12/2026
	20261024	24/10/2026
	20261204	14/12/2026
 <p>Nursie Confort 1 (400g)</p>	20260727	27/07/2026
	20260906	06/09/2026
<p>Aptamil Premium +1 (400g)</p>	20270103	03/01/2027
	20270110	10/01/2027

	20270221	21/02/2027
	20270103	06/09/2026
	20260726	26/07/2026
	20261022	22/10/2026
	20261121	21/11/2026
Aptamil Premium +2 (400g)	20260726	26/07/2026
		
	20270218	18/02/2027
Aptajunior Premium +3 (400g)	20270103	03/01/2027
		
Similar products in 900g containers		
Nursia 1 (900g)	20260730	30/07/2026
	20261025	25/10/2026
	20261127	27/11/2026
	20270201	01/02/2027
Nursie Comfort 1 (900g)	20260801	01/08/2026
	20260825	25/08/2026
	20261129	29/11/2026
	20270225	25/02/2027
	20270226	26/02/2027
	20270226	26/02/2027
	20270413	13/04/2027
	20270414	14/04/2027
Aptamil Premium +1 (900g)	20261126	26/11/2026
	20270526	26/05/2027
Aptamil Premium +2 (900g)	20260728	28/07/2026
	20261030	30/10/2026
	20261205	05/12/2026
	20270510	10/05/2027
Aptajunior Premium +3 (900g)	20260728	28/07/2026
	20261029	29/10/2026
	20261204	04/12/2026
	20270406	06/04/2027
	20270510	10/05/2027

8. With reference to the above recall, the Commission has been informed by the Association des Consommateurs de l'Île Maurice (ACIM), that it publicised the ONSSA recall notice in Mauritius and has since received several reports from consumers regarding issues experienced after the consumption of the infant milk. The Commission has established that such products are also supplied in other COMESA Countries by Danone, Ubuy, Kim-Fay and Carrefour, among other distributors.
9. The Commission also noted that in January 2026, Danone recalled several batches of Aptamil and Cow & Gate infant milk products in Europe, which were found to contain cereulide toxin. More information regarding this recall is available on the link below:  
<https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/fsa-alerts-files/production/FSA-PRIN-05-2026/new-RackMultipart20260206-17-mg3gb8.pdf>
10. Danone requested consumers to confirm whether their products were affected using the link below:  
<https://www.danonemenabatchchecker.com/>
11. In view of the above and pursuant to Regulation 66 of the COMESA Competition and Consumer Protection Regulations (2025), the Commission wishes to bring to the attention of consumers in **all COMESA Member States**<sup>1</sup> the risks associated with the consumption of the recalled infant milk. The Commission also requests any person who establishes that the above recalled products are available in COMESA to avoid purchase or use and report the matter to the Commission or to their national consumer authority.
12. The Commission continues to work closely with the Member States to ensure that any affected consumers are informed and provided the necessary redress in line with the recalls. Should you require more information or clarification on the matter, you may contact the undersigned.



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