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[Melamine found in certain Chinese chocolates distributed in Canada](#)

(8 October 2008)

The **Canadian Food Inspection Agency** (CFIA) is warning the public not to consume, distribute, or sell the **Sherwood Brands Pirate's Gold Milk Chocolate Coins** described below. This product is being recalled due to positive test results for melamine conducted by the CFIA.

The affected product, Sherwood Brands Pirate's Gold Milk Chocolate Coins, is sold in 840g containers containing 240 pieces per container bearing UPC 0 36077 11240 7 and lot code 1928S1. This product is sold nationally through Costco stores and may also have been sold in bulk packages or as individual pieces at various dollar and bulk stores across Canada. If the original product identity and UPC code is not evident, consumers are advised to check with their retailer to determine if they have the affected product.

Retailers and distributors are advised to stop distributing Sherwood Brands Pirate's Gold Milk Chocolate Coins and to initiate a voluntary recall of this product. The CFIA will be working with the importers to remove the affected product from the marketplace.

There have been no reported illnesses associated with the consumption of these products.

[Melamine - Lotte Koala biscuits withdrawn from sale](#)

(3 October 2008)

Tests in the **Netherlands** found levels of melamine in the **Lotte Koala brand of biscuits** to be contaminated with melamine at levels up to 4.98mg/kg, causing withdrawal from sale. In the UK, the Food Standards Agency recalled the biscuits, which were widely distributed to Chinese supermarkets and other independent retailers across the country.

The chances of becoming ill from consuming these biscuits is actually low, as stressed by the Dutch Food Safety Authority (VWA), who released a statement saying "Only with daily consumption of two kilograms of the biscuits will children enter the danger zone," based on the recent EFSA agreed assessment of the EU's TDI of 0.5 mg/kg bodyweight.

[Products made in Cadbury's Beijing Plant recalled](#)

(29 September 2008)

Confectionery giant **Cadbury** has recalled **all of its chocolate products made at its Beijing plant** as a precautionary step, the chocolate maker said this morning. Eleven chocolate products exported to Hong Kong, Taiwan and Australia, have all been withdrawn from the market. Products affected by the withdrawal include Cadbury Dark Chocolate 40g and Cadbury Dairy Milk Cookies Chocolate Bulk Pack.

However, Cadbury said that no other products and countries were affected, though some chocolate eclairs may have been exported to Nauru and Christmas Island.



[Melamine contamination of imported confectionary spreads to Australia and New Zealand](#)

(24 September 2008)

Australian Food Regulators have commenced a formal request today to wholesalers and importers to voluntarily withdraw **White Rabbit Brand Candies** from shops pending further results of testing for melamine. Testing in New Zealand released late today has confirmed that this product contains sufficiently high levels of melamine which may, in some individuals, cause health problems such as kidney stones if consumed in high quantities over a long period.

People are advised not to consume these milk-based sweets imported from China. This product is sold in retail packs through Asian retailers, supermarkets and restaurants. Anyone who has the product should not to consume it. It is unlikely that there could be a problem if consumed in small amounts but people with concerns about the consumption of this product should seek medical advice.

The Australian State and Territory agencies will be working closely with wholesalers and importers to facilitate this voluntary withdrawal.

Australia does not import infant formula products from China and has not imported full-dairy products, such as yoghurt or condensed milk, from China since March 2007. Food Standards Australia New Zealand and State and Territory agencies are continuing to monitor the situation.

[Canadian Food Inspection Agency finds certain instant coffee products contain melamine](#)

(23 September 2008)

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and Thai Indochine Trading Inc. are advising people not to consume the **Mr. Brown 3-in-1 instant coffee products** described below. The CFIA was notified by the importer that these products may contain melamine. The following Mr. Brown brand products are affected by this advisory:

Instant Coffee 3 in 1 Mandheling Blend Coffee
Instant Coffee 3 in 1 Blue Mountain Blend Coffee
Instant Coffee 3 in 1 Arabica Coffee

The affected products, sold in 450 g packages containing 30 X 15 g bags, have been distributed in British Columbia, Alberta, and Manitoba.

There have been no reported illnesses associated with the consumption of this product.

King Car Food Industrial Co. Ltd., Taiwan is recalling the product in Taiwan. The Canadian importer of this product, Thai Indochine Trading Inc., Markham, ON, was notified of this recall by the products' manufacturer and is voluntarily recalling the affected products from the marketplace.

Melamine in Baby formula

(17 September 2008)

Milk powder contaminated with melamine has caused more than 6000 infants to become ill in China, currently 3 infants have died as a result. A government probe announced on Tuesday showed that a fifth of the 109 dairy producers checked



had been found to have produced batches of milk adulterated with melamine.

The milk scare has extended beyond the country's borders with China's quality watchdog saying two producers had exported milk powder to Yemen, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Gabon and Burundi and products are being recalled.

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