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To: Local Boards of Health and Stakeholders
From: Priscilla Neves, Director
Date: 10/6/08
Re: Investigation of Melamine in Milk-Based Products from China Update

Massachusetts is continuing surveillance and investigation into all milk-based products from China containing ingredients such as non-fat milk powder, whey powder, lactose powder, whole milk powder and casein. We are requesting cities and towns to conduct surveillance in their communities to ensure that consumers and retailers are aware of the problem and to remove suspect products from sale until their safety can be verified.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) has been working with FDA and local boards of health to inspect infant formula from China that may be contaminated with melamine. To date, there has been no contaminated infant formula found in Massachusetts.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on 10/3/08 issued the results of its interim safety and risk assessment of melamine and melamine-related compounds in food, including infant formula. <http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/melamra3.html>

At this time, the three milk-based products listed below have been recalled in the US. All of these products have nationwide distribution.

White Rabbit Creamy Candy

http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/qfco09_08.html

Mr. Brown 3-In-1 & 2-In-1 Powdered Packets in Bag Coffee Mixes

http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/sunnymaid10_08.html

Blue Cat Flavor Drink Dist. By Tristar Food Wholesale Co Inc.

http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/tristar10_08.html

Consumers:

DPH is advising consumers to discard all recalled products.

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