

Scottish Food Crime & Incidents Unit

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Dear colleagues,

Summary: The continued assistance of Local Authorities is sought to ensure products relating to [FSS-PRIN-14-2022](#) and its updates have been removed from sale. Also included, is an update on new batches of unaffected product coming to market.

Following our Letter dated 29 April 2022 regarding Product Recall Information Notices published on [2 April 2022](#) and updated on 6 and 8 April 2022 and [7 May 2022](#), work continues to investigate the Monophasic *Salmonella typhimurium* outbreak linked to Kinder chocolate products produced in Belgium and distributed across the UK, Europe and other third countries.

In the UK, although the rate of reported cases has slowed down, we continue to observe a small number of cases, mostly in children under 10 years of age, reporting illness after the product withdrawal and recall took place.

I would like to thank Local Authorities for their actions so far and would be grateful for your ongoing assistance in ensuring that smaller food retailers, both independent and franchise chains, are aware of the product recall and that the affected products have been withdrawn and removed from sale. Independent Auditors working on behalf of Ferrero have visited 37,105 UK retailers to ensure the affected products were not on sale.

The manufacturer of the Kinder chocolate products in Arlon, Belgium has resumed production after approval from the Belgian Authorities. The new batches of products are expected to start reaching retailers in the UK in the coming days. The FSA has been advised that Kinder products manufactured at the Belgian site after production restart will be identifiable by the best before date, on or after 20 April 2023. There is no visible difference between the new product packaging that will be marketed and those that were subject to the product withdrawal and recall undertaken in response to the outbreak.

Taking into consideration the long durability dates of the products that were subject to product withdrawal and recall, our advice is that Point of Sale Notices should continue to be displayed until the latest best before date for the affected products, being 04 January 2023, has passed. As a reminder to Enforcement Officers, the affected product details are detailed in Annex I.

Actions to be taken by enforcement authorities:

- Local Authorities are requested to check during routine inspection of all retailers and, where resources permit, to spot check small retailers to ensure that any affected products that are found to be on sale are removed. Where the affected products are found on sale we request that details are reported to incidents@fss.scot.
- Continued display of the Point of Sale Notices should be encouraged.

For clarification, we are not asking for this to be repeated for retailers that have already been spot checked in response to our previous request.

Please contact incidents@fss.scot if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



Head of Food Crime and Incidents

Annex I

Product details:

Product names	Pack sizes	Best before dates
Kinder Surprise	20g	All dates up to and including 04 January 2023
Kinder Surprise	20g x 3 pack	All dates up to and including 04 January 2023
Kinder Surprise	100g	All dates up to and including 21 August 2022
Kinder Mini eggs	75g	All dates up to and including 21 August 2022
Kinder Egg Hunt Kit	150g	All dates up to and including 21 August 2022
Kinder Schokobons	70g, 200g and 320g	All dates up to and including 04 January 2023
Kinder Maxi Mix Peluche	133g	All dates up to and including 21 August 2022
Kinder Niespodzianka Maxi Lei	100g	All dates up to and including 21 August 2022
Ferrero Kinder Mix Geschenktüte	193g	All dates up to and including 21 August 2022
Ferrero Kinder Mix Bunte Mischung	132g	All dates up to and including 21 August 2022
Kinder Niespodzianka Maxi Uni BN	100g	All dates up to and including 21 August 2022
Kinder Surprise Geant Gar	100g	All dates up to and including 20 August 2022
Kinder Surprise Fille	100g	All dates up to and including 20 April 2022
Kinder Schokobons Sachet	125g and 200g	All dates up to and including 26 October 2022
Kinder Happy Moments	242g	All dates up to and including 21 August 2022
Kinder Happy Moment Ballotin 1	All sizes	All dates up to and including 21 August 2022
Swieta Kinder Jajko Z Niespodzianka Maxi Uni Wn	100g	All dates up to and including 21 August 2022
Swieta Kinder Maxi Mix Peluche Bn	133g	All dates up to and including 21 August 2022