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PRODUCT RECALL OF READY-TO EAT MEAT PRODUCTS ASSOCIATED WITH LISTERIOSIS OUTBREAK IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA.

The general public is hereby notified that the main source of listeriosis outbreak in the Republic of South Africa has been identified, and traced to Enterprise Food Production Factory and Rainbow Chicken Limited. The affected products include products from Enterprise (Bokkie, Renown, Lifestyle and Mieliekip); and Rainbow products (Polony, Russian and Viennas). These also include any other products manufactured and/or packaged for other retailers by Enterprise and Rainbow.

The Ministry of Health and Wellness confirms that some of these products are imported from South Africa and are also part of the local distribution and retail.

The Ministry of Health and Wellness has issued a mandatory recall to all Supermarkets, Shops, Distributors, Transporters and Importers of the above indicated ready-to-eat meat products **with immediate effect**.

The public is therefore informed that customers who bought any of the affected products manufactured by Enterprise (Bokkie, Renown, Lifestyle and Mieliekip); and Rainbow (Polony, Russian and Viennas) to return them to the respective shops for a full refund.

The public is advised to avoid all processed ready-to-eat meat products that have been implicated as per this press release.

The Ministry of Health and Wellness will continue to collaborate with South African Authorities to monitor the situation and give regular updates.

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