

PRESS STATEMENT

Market Surveillance on Various Maize Meal and Composite Flour Brands

Nairobi, 19th August 2021... KEBS wishes to notify the public that the below listed maize meal and composite flour brands have not complied with the requirements and therefore should not be sold to the public until further notice and the necessary corrective actions have been undertaken by the concerned parties.

KEBS conducts factory inspections, product certifications and market surveillance activities to monitor the quality of products sold to Kenyans at varied points of sale to give an assurance to the public on the status of the products they buy. As part of product certification scheme, KEBS issues standardization mark (S-Mark) permits to manufacturers for products whose compliance to standards have been ascertained. In addition, KEBS also collects samples from the market to ensure that the products placed in the market by the operators have adhered to the requirements on the S-Mark and by extension, the relevant standard.

It is also our responsibility to keep the public informed of the compliance status of products, including maize meal and composite flour, to enable consumers make informed choices. Given the significance of maize and its derived products in Kenya, KEBS has put maize meal and composite flour in the categories of products desirous of constant surveillance and monitoring.

Consequently, the manufacturers in the list are instructed to cease forthwith manufacturing or offering for sale the affected maize meal and composite flour brands; and are instructed to recall all the substandard composite flour products from the market and institute effective corrective actions whose effectiveness shall be confirmed by KEBS before resumption of production and placement of the brands in the market. We also take this opportunity to urge the public to notify us as and when they find the above brands in the market through our toll-free number 1545.

KEBS is a facilitator of trade and manufacturing and is committed to working closely with the affected manufacturers to ensure that such non-compliances do not recur. Upon satisfactory resolution and conclusion of the issues, KEBS shall then inform the public once the products have met the requirements of the Kenya Standards.

KEBS shall continue to undertake market surveillance and factory inspections to ensure consumer safety and a level trade playing field. Substandard products found will be seized for destruction at the expense of the owner in addition to any other legal action as provided under the law.

We encourage the general public to be vigilant and inform KEBS upon encountering any products suspected to be substandard. **Wajibika Na KEBS** is a program that allows the public to report cases of substandard products. **To Wajibika**, verify whether the **S-Mark permit** on your product is valid by sending the code underneath the **S-Mark to 20023 (SM#Code)** to get product manufacturing details. If the details are different, invalid or not traceable to the platform, kindly report to **KEBS** through **Toll Free Number 1545** during official working hours **8.00 AM to 1.00 PM and 2.00 PM to 5.00 PM, Monday to Friday**. If you are aware of any kind of foul play by any manufacturer, also report those cases to KEBS through the toll-free number.

TABLE 1: Non-compliant Maize meal Brands

S. NO.	BRAND NAME	MANUFACTURER
1.	Budget	KARIBU MAIZE MILLERS LTD., P. O. BOX 340, NYAHURURU, KENYA
2.	Equatorial Ugali Afya	NATURE'S HEALTH LTD. P. O. 70214 - 00400 NAIROBI, KENYA
3.	Fahali	NAKU MODERN FEEDS LTD. P. O. BOX 15725 NAKURU, KENYA
4.	Family	JAMKA EMJEI TRADING LTD. P. O. BOX 738 - 00900 GITHUNGURI, KENYA
5.	Pembe	PEMBE FLOUR MILLS LTD. P. O. BOX 17955 - 00500 NAIROBI, KENYA
6.	Riri	RIDGES RITZ MILLERS LTD. P. O. BOX 293 00232 RUIRU, KENYA
7.	Sima Tamu	SIMA GRAINS LTD. P. O. BOX 2951 30100 ELDORET, KENYA
8.	Tupike	OSHO GRAIN MILLERS LTD. P. O. BOX 17613 - 00500 NAIROBI
9.	Ugali Bora	NAKURU GRAIN MILLS LTD. P. O. BOX 14814 - 20100 NAKURU
10.	Unga Sawa	GREENFIELD MILLERS LTD. P. O. BOX 185 - 0900 KIAMBU, KENYA
11.	Uwezo	UWEZO MAIZE MILLERS LTD. P. O. BOX 652 NAIVASHA, KENYA
12.	Ziwa	ELDORET GRAIN MILLERS LTD. P. O. BOX 6284 - 30100 ELDORET, KENYA

TABLE 2: Non-compliant Composite Flour Brands

S. NO	BRAND NAME	MANUFACTURER
1.	Wimbi Safi Marss	MARSS FOOD QUALITY P. O. BOX 13876-00100 NAIROBI.
2.	Rimwambi Soya Porridge Mix	RIMWAMBI ENTERPRISES P.O BOX 587-00300 NAIROBI.
3.	Narisha Plus	EQUITORIAL NUT PROCESSORS LTD, BOX27659-00506.
4.	Rest Food Products Afya Bora Kinara Porridge	REST FOOD PRODUCTS P. O. BOX 11555 ARUSHA.
5.	Famila Natures Food The Original Ujimix (sour porridge)	UNGA LTD, P.O BOX 30386-00 NAIROBI.
6.	Generation Wimbi Porridge Flour	SNOWLINE FOOD INDUSTRIES LTD. P. O. BOX 167-10406 TIMAU.
7.	Soko Wimbi Mix	CAPWELL INDUSTRIES LIMITED, P. O. BOX 746-01000 THIKA.
8.	Winnies Pure Health-Ugali Afya	WINNIES PURE HEALTH PRODUCTS LTD, P. O. BOX 30416-00100 NAIROBI.
9.	Ujipwani Unga Wimbi Chachu	REGERIA LTD, P.O BOX 90278-80100 MOMBASA
10.	Greenhouse Pride Polished Wimbi with Milk Powder	GREENHOUSE PRIDE DISTRIBUTORS P. O. BOX 68736 NAIROBI
11.	Golden Porridge Flour Sour Uji Mix	GOLDEN TRADERS LTD P. O. BOX 174 NAIVASHA .
12.	Najah Nutrition Food Family Porridge	NAJAH NUTRITION FOOD
13.	Natasha Porridge	NOT INDICATED 0797952668
14.	Excellent Nutritious Porridge	EXCELLENT NUTRITIONAL PORRIDGE
15.	Split Peas Flour Unga Wa Bhajia	PHATOL INVESTMENT LTD P.O BOX 98965-80100 MOMBASA.

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