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<u>UPDATE- PUBLIC HEALTH ALERT: FDA CAUTIONS PUBLIC ON CONTAMINATED</u> PET FOODS

The Food and Drugs Authority (FDA) wishes to inform the general public about the recall of various brands of Pet Foods manufactured by Midwestern Pet Foods, Indiana, in the United States of America.

According to the US FDA, this recall is due to the presence of high aflatoxin contamination which has caused the death of seventy (70) dogs and other illnesses in another eighty (80).

The Pet Foods being recalled have the following information on the packaging:

- Expiry dates on or before 9th July,2022 with facility number 05 found at the end
 of the Date Code i.e., EXP:03/03/05 or 03 Mar/22/05
- Registration OK-PFO-0005

The implicated pet food brands found contaminated with aflatoxin are as follows:

- Pro Pac Originals
- Sportmix
- Splash Pet food
- Sportstrail Pet Food
- Nunn Better Dry Dog and Cat Foods

It is important to note that Doggie Dog World, a registered pet food importer, only imported the Sportmix Original Cat Food (a variant of Sportmix listed above) with batch numbers:17/10/21/05/L3 and 12/11/21/05/L2. The company, has not been able to conduct a total recall of the products in question. Therefore, persons still in possession of Sportmix and or any of the above listed pet foods with the batch numbers as specified are cautioned to return the said products to the place of purchase or any of the offices of the FDA across the country.

The FDA is on a high alert market surveillance to ensure that the rest of these contaminated pet foods which, records show are not registered are removed from the market, if any are in circulation.

The FDA wants to assure the general that, it remains committed to safeguarding public health and safety as mandated by the Public Health Act, 2012, Act 851. All concerns and questions arising out of this publication as well as any other FDA regulated product can be directed to the FDA on the following contacts:

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