

Millions of Koo and Hugo's canned veg products recalled

Tiger Brands is recalling certain Koo and Hugo's canned vegetable products produced from 1 May 2019 to 5 May 2021 due to "an extremely small number" of defective cans supplied by a packaging supplier, the FMCG company said on Monday.



Source: Tiger Brands

The cans may have a defective side seam weld that could cause the can to leak. The company identified the issue as part of its internal quality assurance processes.

Canned products forming part of this recall include products from the Koo and Hugo's canned vegetable range, including baked beans, that were produced from 1 May 2019 to 5 May 2021.

Product Description		
KOO Baked Beans in Tomato Sauce	410g	6009522300586
KOO Baked Beans in Tomato Sauce-Lite	410g	6009522306571
Hugo's Baked Beans in Tomato Sauce	410g	6009522305536
KOO Baked Beans in Tomato Sauce 4 pack **NEW**	4 x 410g	6009522307653
KOO Butter Beans in Brine	410g	6001024023543
KOO Butter Beans in Tangy Curry Sauce	410g	6001024000469
KOO Butter Beans in Tomato Sauce	420g	6001024024007
KOO Baked Beans in Chilli Sauce	420g	6001024035003
KOO Baked Beans in Tomato & Herb	410g	6009522303006
KOO Baked Beans in Curry Sauce	410g	6009522303020
KOO Baked Beans in Hot Chakalaka	410g	6009522303013
KOO Baked Beans in BBQ Flavoured Sauce	410g	6009522308117
KOO Baked Beans in Chilli Wors Flavoured Sauce	410g	6009522308124
KOO Creamstyle Sweetcorn	415g	6009522300562
KOO Whole Kernel in Brine	410g	6001024386655
KOO Mixed Vegetables in Sweet and Spicy Curry Sauce	420g	6009522300296
KOO Mixed Vegetables in Hot Curry Sauce	420g	6009522300289
KOO Mixed Vegetables in Curry Sauce	420g	6001024549913
KOO Mixed Vegetables in Cape Malay Curry Sauce	420g	6009522307639
KOO Mixed Vegetables in Durban Curry Sauce	420g	6009522307646
KOO Mixed Vegetables in Brine	410g	6001024103184

Helderberg Fresh Garden Peas in Sweetened Brine	400g	6009522308506
KOO Fresh Garden Peas in Brine	410g	6001024223318
KOO Fresh Garden Peas in Brine	400g	6009522308186
KOO Surfmaid Peas Petit Pois in Sweetened Brine	400g	6009522308193
KOO Short Spaghetti in Flavoured Tomato Sauce	410g	6001024383623

Approx. 20 million cans affected

Tiger Brands estimates the number of cans forming part of this withdrawal to be approximately 20 million cans, around 9% of annual canned goods production.

The issue was first identified as part of routine quality control procedures. Investigations identified a deficiency in the side seam weld of cans manufactured by a third-party supplier.

"No health issues have been reported to date relating to the affected product range. Despite the low probability of illness and injury, matters of quality and food safety are an absolute priority for Tiger Brands. Therefore, the company in consultation with the National Consumer Council (NCC) made the decision to initiate a precautionary withdrawal in the best interest of consumers," Tiger Brands said.

“ Tiger Brands recalls SOME KOO and Hugo’s defective cans due to a side weld seam issue that may cause the cans to leak. To see the list of products that are affected visit <https://t.co/ZEpfq0NnRw> or call us on 086 010 0891 for more information. pic.twitter.com/nWnN0TMgPA— Tiger Brands (@TigerBrands) [July 26, 2021](#) ”

The company is working with its retail and wholesale customers to remove all affected canned vegetable products from store shelves and replace with fresh stock produced from quality assured cans.

Consumers urged to return products

Tiger Brands encourages consumers to check their food shelves at home and to return any canned products forming part of this recall to their nearest supermarket or wholesale outlet for a refund.



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Koo canned products forming part of the recall produced from 1 May 2019 to 5 May 2021 can be identified by looking at the manufacturing date code stamped on the bottom or the top of the can. The manufacturing date appears in the first line following the letters 'MAN'. In the example below, the manufacturing date is 5 May 2021.

MAN 05/05/2021 08:58 4 K2 2H 9
BEST BEFORE 05/05/2024

"Canning is a safe way to preserve food and extend the shelf-life of fresh produce. It is good practice to always take a moment to inspect the quality of a can when you're choosing products. Never purchase or use cans that are dented, cracked, leaking, or have bulging lids," the company said.

For more information visit www.koo.co.za or contact the consumer careline on 0860 100 891 or at tigercsd@tigerbrands.com.

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