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ARDO NV recalls its reference "ARDO FRUITBERRY MIX"

Ardo group has decided to recall the reference "Ardo Fruitberry Mix" upon information that Hepatitis-A virus has been detected by a Hungarian laboratory in a 2,5kg pack of this reference. The tests were conducted after about 10 to 15 restaurant visitors in Hungary became ill and were hospitalized. In the meantime all these people are recovered.

The recall concerns 2,5kg packs from lot code: 58622131 best before date 05/2024. As a precaution also 1kg packaging with lot codes 58622130 and 58622131 – best before date 11/2024 are recalled. Besides, Ardo has also blocked all current stock of this Fruitberry mix for further analysis.

The product was delivered mainly to professional customers in foodservice industry. All customers having received the Ardo Fruitberry Mix from the above mentioned lot codes have been contacted to stop sales and destroy it.

The Fruitberry mix is produced and packed by an approved subcontractor of the group in Poland. Ardo is currently conducting a thorough investigation into the matter and has sent a Quality Officer to the subcontractor in order to determine the rootcause and define the necessary corrective and preventive measures.

Ardo considers food safety and quality to be of paramount importance and works closely with the Belgian Food Authorities in this case. The company applies very strict standards to deliver the highest quality of products.

"We regret that despite all precautions and care we take to grow, harvest and process our products in a safe and qualitative manner this incident has occurred and are taking all necessary measures to further enhance our processes to ensure that our products are safe at all times. We apologize for any inconvenience to the people taken ill and to our customers."

Ardo will continue to follow up this matter closely.

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About Ardo

The family owned Ardo Group (headquartered in Ardooie, Belgium) is an important world player in the production of a full range of fresh frozen vegetables, herbs and fruit for retail, foodservice and industry. Today the Ardo Group has a global sales network and 20 production, distribution and packing units in 9 countries, ensuring optimal sourcing from the most productive growing regions. Together with the 4,000 employees, the Group markets close to 1 mio tons to over 100 countries, creating a €1,2bio turnover.