



NATIONAL CONSUMER COMMISSION

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MEDIA STATEMENT

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PRODUCT SAFETY RECALL: DELI HUMMUS RANGE RETAILED BY SHOPRITE CHECKERS

On 16 September 2024, Shoprite Checkers notified the Consumer Commission (NCC) of a product recall of the Deli Hummus range manufactured by BM Foods (a member of Sea Harvest Group), following the detection of *Listeria Monocytogenes* which is a species of foodborne bacteria.

The affected products are the Deli Hummus range, specifically the following:

- Traditional Hummus (125g and 300g);
- Reduced Fat Hummus (125g);
- Zataar Hummus (125g and 300g);
- Red Pepper Hummus (125g and 300g); and
- Caramelised Onion Hummus (125g).

The respective sell-by dates of the products are 10 September 2024 to 08 October 2024.

Subsequent to the product recall notification, and in line with Section 60 of the Consumer Protection Act 68 of 2008, Shoprite Checkers has now provided an interim Investigation Report to the NCC on the Deli Hummus range. The preliminary findings of the report point to some areas of concern on product handling at the manufacturing level, however, the NCC awaits a final report

from Shoprite Checkers. Parallel to the said in-house processes, the NCC is independently investigating the recalled products on identified operational issues that pertain to food safety.

The NCC's Acting Commissioner, Mr. Hardin Ratshisusu, urged consumers to immediately stop consuming the products and return same to the supplier for a full refund with or without any proof of purchase. He further added that "at this stage, the NCC is not able to determine the extent of the distribution of the products as this is the subject of an investigation. Suppliers are urged not to distribute these products further until the investigation is finalised."

The NCC is monitoring this recall based on the Product Recall provisions of the Consumer Protection Act read with the product recall safety guidelines.

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