

FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY WARNS ABOUT A POWDERED BABY FOOD IMPORTED FROM UGANDA

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) is advising parents and carers not to feed their babies with a particular batch of: "Baby Soya with Enkejeje makes a Stout Baby". Sampling has shown that this particular batch of powdered baby food is contaminated with the bacterium *Enterobacter sakazakii*, which can be harmful to babies and infants. The Agency does not currently have distribution details for this product but the contaminated sample was taken in London.

Details of the contaminated batch are:

"Baby Soya with Enkejeje makes a Stout Baby"

Manufactured by Kayebe Sauce Packers (U) Ltd (KSP)

Best before: 30 July 2007

Pack size: 500g

People who have product from this batch at home are advised not to use it and to throw it away.

Although the above batch is the only one known to be contaminated, the FSA is advising people who may have other batches of this product at home to ensure they follow the preparation instructions on the carton very carefully, especially the manufacturer's recommendation to boil for 15 minutes.

Breast milk is the best form of nutrition for infants; it provides all the nutrients a baby needs for healthy development in the first six months of life. The Government recommends exclusive breast feeding for the first six months of an infant's life. If mothers choose not to breastfeed, infant formula is the only alternative to breast milk.

From six months old, solid foods can be introduced gradually, so that by twelve months solid foods become the main part of the baby's diet, with breast or formula milk making up the balance. If mothers choose to wean before six months, the following foods should be avoided:

- wheat-based foods which contain gluten
- nuts and seeds
- eggs
- fish and shellfish
- soft and unpasteurised cheeses

Further guidance on infant feeding is available from the FSA's consumer website: www.eatwell.gov.uk and from the Department of Health's website: www.dh.gov.uk