

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

## For immediate publication

## Recall of Specific Batches of 'Sportmix' dog food by Midwestern Pet Foods Inc

Singapore, 15 January 2021 – The Animal & Veterinary Service (AVS), a cluster of the National Parks Board, has been informed that Midwestern Pet Foods, Inc., a manufacturer based in the United States, is recalling all of its dry dog and cat food products containing corn, produced at its facility in Chickasha, Oklahoma, with an expiration date on or before 9 July 2022. This is due to high levels of Aflatoxin\* detected in the food. All other Midwestern Pet Foods products are unaffected by this recall.

Based on our records, two of the implicated products, 'Sportmix Dog Maintenance Adult Mini Chunk' and 'Sportmix Dog Hi Protein' were imported and retailed in Singapore. The importer, Pet Station, has initiated a recall of the implicated products on 13 January 2021. The recall is ongoing. Pet owners who had purchased the implicated feed from Pets' Station Holding Pte Ltd may contact the company at 6363 1121 for a refund.

**Brand:** Sportmix

Implicated product:

Maintenance Adult Mini Chunk 20kg bag

Factory code:

REG.OK-PFO-0005

**Expiry date:** 

On or before 07/09/22

Country of origin: USA



The entire range of implicated products can be found here: https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/midwestern-pet-foods-voluntarily-expands-recall-pet-food-aflatoxin-health-risk.

<sup>\*</sup>Aflatoxin is a toxin produced by the mould *Aspergillus flavus* that grows on corn and other grains used as ingredients in pet food. At high levels, aflatoxin can cause illness and death in pets.



**Brand:** Sportmix

Implicated product:

High Protein 20kg bag

**Factory code:** 

REG.OK-PFO-0005

**Expiry date:** 

On or before 07/09/22

Country of origin: USA



Pet owners with these products should immediately stop feeding them to their pets. Owners with pets that have consumed the implicated feed and show signs such as lethargy, loss of appetite, vomiting and/or diarrhoea should seek veterinary attention immediately. So far, AVS has not received feedback about animals affected from consuming this feed.



## **About National Parks Board (NParks)**

The National Parks Board (NParks) is responsible for enhancing and managing the urban ecosystems of our City in Nature. We are the lead agency for greenery, biodiversity conservation, and wildlife and animal health, welfare and management. We are also working closely with the community to enhance the quality of our living environment.

NParks manages more than 350 parks, 3,347 hectares of nature reserves, the Singapore Botanic Gardens, Pulau Ubin and the Sisters' Islands Marine Park. Adding to this is the extensive network of Nature Ways, and the over 300 km Park Connector Network that links major parks, nature areas and residential estates island-wide. Every year, we run over 3,500 educational and outreach programmes across our various green spaces.

NParks has developed an urban biodiversity conservation model, which aims to conserve representative ecosystems in land-scarce Singapore. NParks also monitors and coordinates measures to enhance the presence of biodiversity in our urban landscape.

NParks is working closely with partners in the landscape, horticulture, veterinary and animal sectors to increase productivity, and provide training for all levels of the workforce. Enhancing competencies of the industry will support Singapore's vision of being a City in Nature.

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