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## **MDA issues consumer advisory for Wonderfarm biscuits** *Agriculture department's lab tests found melamine in product samples*

ST. PAUL, Minn. – The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is advising consumers to avoid eating Wonderfarm brand “Successful” biscuits after laboratory testing found several products to be contaminated with melamine. Anyone who has purchased these biscuits should discard them.

The contaminated products were collected from Rochester Oriental Food and Jewelry, in Rochester, Minn., as part of a federal-state testing program. The biscuits were manufactured by Interfood Shareholding Company, in Vietnam. The biscuits are individually wrapped in a variety of colors, and are sold under the Wonderfarm brand name. To help consumers identify the product, a color photograph is available on the MDA website at [www.mda.state.mn.us](http://www.mda.state.mn.us).

Tests conducted by the MDA laboratory found several of the biscuits had melamine levels that exceeded the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) limit of 2.5 parts per million. The highest level detected was 8.4 parts per million. While exposure to melamine can cause kidney and urinary tract problems, the Minnesota Department of Health has not reported any illnesses associated with consumption of these biscuits.

MDA has alerted FDA to its finding. MDA is also conducting a broader search for Wonderfarm products that may be sold in other stores around the state.

Melamine is a synthetic chemical with a variety of industrial uses. It does not occur naturally in food, but it has been associated with a number of food recalls linked to products made in China and Southeast Asia. For more information about melamine and related food or feed recalls, visit the FDA website at [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov).



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