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SUBJECT: FDA alerts parents and caregivers to *Cronobacter* safety concerns with Crecelac Goat Milk Infant Formula imported and distributed by Dairy Manufacturers Inc.

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The FDA is alerting parents and caregivers about *Cronobacter* safety concerns with Crecelac Infant Powdered Goat Milk Infant Formula and other infant formula products imported and distributed by Dairy Manufacturers Inc. Although the company initiated a recall of the products on May 24, 2024, because they were not in compliance with all of the FDA's infant formula regulations, the FDA is now issuing a safety alert due to new findings of *Cronobacter* contamination in a sample of the formula. FDA found *Cronobacter* in a sample of the formula collected from a retail store in Texas on May 29, 2024. According to the FDA alert, the products are being sold at some retail stores in Texas and, possibly, additional locations in the U.S.

Cronobacter is naturally found in the environment and is particularly good at surviving in low-moisture, dry foods, such as powdered infant formula/milk. According to the CDC, when

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Cronobacter is found in infants, it can be deadly. Infants less than 2 months old are most likely to develop meningitis if they are infected with *Cronobacter*.

This Informational Release is for your awareness. At this time, we have no confirmed distribution of affected product in Missouri. Currently, no additional follow-up is necessary. If additional follow-up is deemed necessary, a listserv with follow-up information will be distributed. If affected product is found, request that the product be removed from shelves and document. If operator refuses to remove product, embargo the affected product and document accordingly. If affected product is found, please notify your BEHS District Supervisor and the Retail Food Program at RetailFood@health.mo.gov. Please send any documentation to the Retail Food Program.

Resources:

- FDA Alert: <https://www.fda.gov/food/alerts-advisories-safety-information/fda-alerts-parents-and-caregivers-cronobacter-safety-concerns-crecelac-goat-milk-infant-formula>
- FDA Recall: <https://www.fda.gov/safety/recalls-market-withdrawals-safety-alerts/dairy-manufacturers-inc-issues-voluntary-recall-products-due-non-compliance-requirements-under-21>
- CDC *Cronobacter* Infection: <https://www.cdc.gov/cronobacter/about/index.html>
- FDA *Cronobacter* sakazakii: <https://www.fda.gov/food/foodborne-pathogens/cronobacter-sakazakii>

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