

Incident Details

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Who You Are: Public Safety Entity

Incident Description:

Multiple infants and toddlers tested positive for unsafe levels of Lead in their blood following the use of WeeSprout (aka Wee Sprout) glass baby food storage jars with white Lead-painted logos on the outside of the jar. Lead Safe Mama, LLC received multiple reports of these incidents following our June 2022 discovery and reporting (on social media) of high-Lead content paint on these products. We discovered this issue during a home consultation with a family in Washington State who had an unexplained elevated blood lead level in an infant (under 1 year old). This family lived in a new construction home with no apparent structure-related potential contributors to the child's elevated blood lead level. After sharing about this issue with the public (and the readership on our website) we received several additional reports of families with a similar situation. XRF test results for the painted area of the products in question came in at 3,234 parts per million Lead – far in excess of the CPSIA limit of 90 ppm for the paint, glaze or coating of any component of any item intended for use by children. On March 10, 2023 we published a comprehensive detailed report of the issue on our website – which you can read on this link: <https://tamararubin.com/2023/03/wee-sprouts-baby-feeding-jars-painted-with-high-lead-paint-a-violation-of-the-cpsia-of-2008-with-criminal-penalties-possible/>

We subsequently purchased several new products from this company WeeSprout – and (in combination with reports from our community and readers of our website) determined that WeeSprout was (by this time – March of 2023) aware of the Lead paint on their products (likely in response to our June 2022 reporting) and that they since switched to embossed logos on their glass jars – with no painted components. While their new products are not painted with high-Lead paint (with illegal and unsafe levels of Lead) Lead Safe Mama readers reported purchasing the painted versions of the product (from Amazon and other vendors) as late as early-2023.

In response to our reporting, several parents have submitted violation reports to the CPSC and were able to locate these on your website by searching for both "WeeSprout" with no space and by "Wee Sprout" with a space. These reports appear to have been filed with your agency between March of 2023 and May of 2023.

Fundamentally the issue at hand is that it is now August of 2023. This is fourteen months after we initially reported on the issue. This is more than 5 months after you received violation reports from consumers, yet there has still been no public (highly visible) CPSC supported recall for these Lead-contaminated glass baby feeding products. On behalf of the Lead Safe Mama parent advocacy community we are herewith demanding an immediate highly visible CPSC supported recall for these illegal, unsafe Lead-contaminated baby feeding products. Separately we would like to encourage you to levy appropriate civil and criminal penalties against the company as they both sold their product as "Lead-free" – and continued to communicate with customers insisting that they were Lead-free (apparently after they were made aware of the issue, see images of communications with customers) and then silently removed the Lead-paint from their products with no public notification of the concern for (and illegal nature of) the previous iteration of their products – and no recall of their known lead-contaminated products. Given the CPSC's published statement that ""If you are a manufacturer, importer, distributor, and/or retailer of consumer products, you have a legal obligation to immediately report (this) type of information to the CPSC" and "when in doubt, report" combined with WeeSprout's inaction in this matter – we hope the penalties levied will be commensurate with the crime perpetrated against their customers (especially in light of the false advertising associated with these products). Only through holding these companies accountable with appropriate fines, penalties, recalls and other swift and aggressive actions will we (as a nation and a planet) see a cessation of the manufacture and sale of Lead-contaminated child feeding products. Thank you. Absent a highly visible public recall these unsafe and illegal products will continue to be in use by children across the United States.

Incident Date: 6/22/2022 This is an estimate

Victim Details

Injury Injury, Seen by Medical Professional

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Information:

Victim is of
Hispanic/Latino
origin?

Race: Unspecified

Other
Race/Ethnicity:

Gender: Unspecified

Age when 1 Years 0
incident
occurred:

Product Details

Product
Description:

Glass reusable baby food jars (in various sizes) painted with logo and measurement markings using high-lead-content paint with lead levels far in excess of current CPSIA regulatory limits for lead in the paint, glaze or coating of items intended for use by children. These are clear glass jars with white painted logo and measurement markings and colorful plastic caps (in various colors) available for purchase by consumers (from various vendors) through at least early 2023.

Product Unspecified
Category:

Product Type:

Product URL:

Brand Name: WeeSprout (aka Wee Sprout)

Manufacturer / Wee Sprout

Importer /

Private Labeler
Name:

Model Name or Glass Baby Food Jars – All Sizes
Number:

Date 6/1/2022

Manufactured:

Manufacturer

Date Code:

Manufacturer 3355 Poplar Ave., Ste. 312, Memphis, Tennessee, 38111, United States
Address:

Manufacturer <https://www.weesprout.com>
Website URL:

Manufacturer 1-888-770-7092
Phone Number:

Product available N/A
for examination:

Product Location:

Explanation:

Please review the link in the initial description for all of the supporting documentation that should help you implement this recall and should any related civil and /or criminal penalties for this company.

Case Details

Case Number: LSM_05_2023

Investigators: Tamara Elise Rubin – owner, Lead Safe Mama, LLC

Your Contact Information

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Organization Name: Lead Safe Mama, LLC

Consent

May we include your Report, including any documents or photographs that you have attached to your Report, but without your name and contact information, in CPSC's Public Database? Yes, you may include my Report with any attachments on SaferProducts.gov.

May we release your name and contact information to the product manufacturer / importer / private labeler identified in your Report?

Yes, you may release my name and contact information to the product manufacturer / importer / private labeler.

I certify that I have reviewed the Report and that the information provided in this Report is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

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