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Spirits Wholesaler MHW Ltd. Recalling Haitian Rum Brand “Clairin Casimir”
Product Recall Follows Findings of Elevated Levels of Lead

MHW Ltd., a spirit’s wholesaler located at 1129 Boulevard in Manhasset, is voluntarily recalling brand name “Clairin Casimir,” a rum produced in Haiti by Distillerie Faubert Casimir Barraderes, as the product was found to contain elevated levels of lead. The recalled Clairin Casimir rum is packed in 750 ml glass bottles.

The State Liquor Authority was advised today by MHW Ltd., that as a result of a complaint, the Federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) analyzed the product for the presence of prohibited materials. The results of the tests indicated the presence of elevated levels of lead, in the amount of 138 parts per billion.

Following analysis of the product, TTB contacted the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to request a Health Hazard Evaluation (HHE) to determine the potential health risks. The estimated lead exposure from consumption of this rum product containing 138 ppb lead by women of child bearing age presents a health concern for this group, in addition to pregnant women. Consequently, TTB has requested MHW Ltd. develop an appropriate recall strategy for removal of the product from the marketplace.

Consumers who have purchased “Clairin Casimir” rum are urged to return the product to the place of purchase for a full refund. Licensees who have purchased the product should return the products to the supplier, MHW Ltd.

MHW Ltd. has placed a hold on all inventory of “Clairin Casimir” and has advised retailers to immediately stop selling any inventory.

Lead can accumulate in the body over time. Too much can cause health problems, including delayed mental and physical development and learning deficiencies. Pregnant women, infants and young children especially should avoid exposure to lead. People concerned about lead levels should consult their physician or health clinic for guidance.

The New York State Liquor Authority regulates and controls the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages within the State. The Authority works with local law enforcement agencies and localities across the State to ensure compliance with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. In addition, the Authority issues and renews licenses and permits to manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, and retailers of alcoholic beverages.

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