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Please be informed that Yakult U.S.A. Inc. has initiated a voluntary recall of a limited amount of Yakult Regular beverage from the market, in partnership with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”).

Yakult elected to take this step after a routine sampling check of our products detected trace amounts of the yeast *Candida pelliculosa* in a single lot, No. 0601ST03, and after such was confirmed by laboratory results. The recall is limited to a single lot of Yakult Regular beverage products manufactured in early June 2021, and the Best if Used By Dates were July 7 and 8, 2021. No other Yakult Regular beverage, or other Yakult products, are affected by this recall. Much of the delivered product has already been removed, and it is unlikely consumers will find the affected product on the shelf. No adverse health effects have been reported to date in connection with this recall. Nonetheless, Yakult U.S.A. decided to remove these products from the market, and to contact the FDA as to all proper procedures for doing so. Reference to this voluntary recall by Yakult U.S.A. will appear in FDA public notices; it has been classified by the FDA as a ‘Class II recall.’

The products which could be affected by this recall and which may have reached the consuming public were distributed in early June, 2021, to certain stores or other consignees in California, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, New York, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

An example of a Yakult Regular beverage bottle, and 5-Pack in which it is sold, is pictured in the “Products” section of our website www.YakultUSA.com.

If, based upon the “Best if Used By” dates of July 7 or 8 which are printed on each bottle as well as on the packaging, you believe you may be in possession of the affected Yakult Regular beverage, please DO NOT consume the product but instead dispose of it, or retain it and contact Yakult U.S.A. Inc. either by toll-free telephone at 833 434 6500, or through the “Contact” section of our website www.YakultUSA.com.

As stated above, Yakult U.S.A. has received no reports of illness or adverse health effects due to consumption of the Yakult Regular beverage subject to the recall, but there have been several complaints from consumers as to the taste and appearance of the product. We believe the risk of serious adverse health effects is remote for consumers in the general population.

Yakult U.S.A. takes seriously all issues concerning its products and their quality, and we will maintain and strengthen our efforts to provide safe and healthy products to our customers.

Thanks for your support and understanding.