



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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Press Release

Tissue Issue Update

The Ministry of Health has received the microbiological report from the Bureau of Standards (BSJ) concerning 33 Brands of tissue tested so far. A joint technical review team from the Ministry of Health and the Bureau of Standards, with the Consumer Affairs Commission and representatives of the Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce as observers, examined the available results.

Of the 33 Brands, the total microbial load was low for 29 and typical of the levels in the general environment. The total microbial load for four Brands was high. However, the organisms of interest to public health were found to be in the same range for all 33 Brands. At this point therefore, there is no cause for alarm with respect to public health.

Medical Practitioners who may have concerns are invited to contact the Chief Medical Officer at the Ministry of Health.

The high levels of total microbial load identified in the four Brands is of concern and may be attributable to a breakdown of proper manufacturing processes. A visit to a local manufacturing facility revealed that the manufacturing facility did not meet acceptable manufacturing standards and the Public Health Team instructed that the breaches identified be addressed. Subsequent to the visit this manufacturer has voluntarily recalled

their product. The Inter-ministerial Team will continue to collaborate as the Bureau of Standards systematically tests the 135 Brands of tissue identified so far.

Ministry of Health will continue to partner with all stakeholders to ensure protection of the public's health.

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Tissue Brands which Passed Microbiological Testing

No.	Tissue Brand	Country of Origin	Status
1	Charmin (Ultra Strong)	USA	Pass
2	Charmin (Sensitive)	USA	Pass
3	Charmin (Soft)	USA	Pass
4	Charmin (Basic)	USA	Pass
5	So Soft	USA	Pass
6	Members Selection	USA	Pass
7	Lilli	China	Pass
8	Purejoy	China	Pass
9	White Lotus	Jamaica	Pass
10	Happy Face	Jamaica	Pass
11	Dove	Jamaica	Pass
12	Dainty	Jamaica	Pass
13	Tulip	Jamaica	Pass
14	Soft	Jamaica	Pass
15	Thrifty	Jamaica	Pass
16	Charm	Jamaica	Pass
17	Cuddle	Jamaica	Pass
18	Orchid	Jamaica	Pass
19	Irie	Jamaica	Pass
20	Sophie	Jamaica	Pass
21	Finesse	Jamaica	Pass
22	Spring Soft	Jamaica	Pass
23	Classic	Jamaica	Pass
24	West Best	Jamaica	Pass

Results at Monday, 15 April 2013

Hand Towels which Passed Microbiological Testing

No.	Brand	Country	Status
1	Bounty (Regular Roll White)	USA	Pass
2	Bounty (Select A Size White)	USA	Pass
3	Bounty (Select A Size Prints)	USA	Pass
4	Member's Selection	USA	Pass
5	Titan	China	Pass

Results at Monday, 15 April 2013