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DOH WARNS CONSUMERS ABOUT APPLE FLAVORED BABY'S BLISS GRIPE WATER RECALL

HONOLULU - The Hawai'i State Department of Health is warning consumers not to drink apple flavored Baby's Bliss Gripe Water which is distributed by MOM Enterprises, Inc., of San Rafael, California due to the possible presence of cryptosporidium; a parasite that can cause intestinal infections.

The DOH has received no confirmed reports of illness associated with the product at this time. Consumers are advised to throw away any apple flavored Baby's Bliss Gripe Water product they have in their home. The product is an herbal supplement used to ease the gas and stomach discomfort often associated with colic, hiccups, and teething.

The most common symptom of infection is watery diarrhea. Other symptoms can include dehydration, weight loss, stomach cramps or pain, fever nausea and vomiting. Symptoms generally begin two to ten days after becoming infected and generally last one to two weeks. Infants, children and pregnant women are susceptible to dehydration resulting from diarrhea, which can be life-threatening. Parents of children who have recently consumed this product and have these symptoms should seek immediate medical attention.

MOM Enterprises, Inc. is fully cooperating with FDA's investigation into the cause of the contamination and is recalling all potentially contaminated products. For further information please go to the FDA website at www.fda.gov.

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