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FDA says 87 Adverse Events Linked to Recalled Applesauce

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- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has provided an <u>update</u> regarding the cinnamon applesauce pouches that have been recalled. FDA's investigation began on November 9, 2023, when WanaBana USA voluntarily <u>recalled</u> all lots of WanaBana Apple Cinnamon Fruit Puree pouches, Schnucks-brand cinnamon flavored applesauce pouches, and Weis-brand cinnamon applesauce pouches due to reports of elevated levels of lead.
- As of January 8, 2024, FDA has received 87 confirmed complaints/reports of adverse events potentially linked to the recalled product.
- CDC's National Center for Environmental Health is currently conducting <u>case finding efforts</u> in collaboration with state and local health departments. As of January 5, 2023, CDC has received reports of 86 confirmed cases, 209 probable cases, and 26 suspected cases, totaling 321 cases from 38 different states through their reporting structure.
- FDA's investigation is ongoing to determine the point of contamination and whether additional products are linked to illnesses. Because of the products' long shelf life, cases are still being reported.

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