

Children's Benadryl, Tylenol recalled in Jamaica

More than 40 over-the-counter infants' and children's liquid medications are being recalled in Jamaica and 11 other countries because they do not meet quality standards.

McNeil Consumer Healthcare issued the recall for children's versions of Benadryl, Tylenol, Tylenol Plus, Motrin and Zyrtec after consulting with the United States' chief medication watchdog, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The US-based company has recalled the products because some did not meet required specifications, the company said in a statement last Friday. Some of the products recalled may have a higher concentration of active ingredient than is specified on the bottle. Others may contain particles, while still others may contain inactive ingredients that do not meet internal testing requirements. The company has advised consumers to stop giving the products to their children as a precautionary measure. The recall was not undertaken because of any adverse effects, the company said. In a statement on Saturday, the FDA said it was reviewing procedures at McNeil. The company is based in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania, and appears to be the sole source of the problems. The FDA said the potential for serious medical problems is "remote" but it has also advised consumers to stop using the medicine. Aside from Jamaica, the medicines, which were made and distributed in the US, were exported to Canada, the Dominican Republic, Dubai, Fiji, Guam, Guatemala, Puerto Rico, Panama, Trinidad and Tobago and Kuwait. Details are available by telephone at 1-888-222-6036 or on the Web at www.mcneilproductrecall.com.