

## COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

# Edgewell Personal Care Issues Voluntary Nationwide Recall of Banana Boat Hair & Scalp Sunscreen Due to the Presence of Benzene

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## Summary

**Company Announcement Date:**

July 29, 2022

**FDA Publish Date:**

July 29, 2022

**Product Type:**

Drugs

**Reason for Announcement:**

Due to presence of benzene

**Company Name:**

Edgewell Personal Care Company

**Brand Name:**

Banana Boat

**Product Description:**

Hair & scalp sunscreen spray

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**SHELTON, Conn., July 29, 2022** – Edgewell Personal Care Company (NYSE: EPC) today issued a voluntary nationwide recall of three batches of Banana Boat Hair & Scalp Sunscreen Spray SPF 30 to the consumer level as outlined in the table below. An internal review found that

some samples of the product contained trace levels of benzene. While benzene is not an ingredient in any Banana Boat products, the review showed that unexpected levels of benzene came from the propellant that sprays the product out of the can.

Importantly, no other batches of Hair & Scalp (either before or after these batch codes) and no other Banana Boat products are in the scope of this recall and may continue to be used by consumers safely and as intended.

UPC	DESCRIPTION	Lot Code	Expiration	Size
0-79656-04041-8	Banana Boat Hair & Scalp Spray SPF 30	20016AF	December 2022	6 oz
0-79656-04041-8	Banana Boat Hair & Scalp Spray SPF 30	20084BF	February 2023	6 oz
0-79656-04041-8	Banana Boat Hair & Scalp Spray SPF 30	21139AF	April 2024	6 oz

Benzene is classified as a human carcinogen. Exposure to benzene can occur by inhalation, orally, and through the skin and it potentially can result in cancers including leukemia and blood cancer of the bone marrow and blood disorders which can be life threatening. To date, Edgewell has not received any adverse events related to this recall. Benzene is ubiquitous in the environment. Humans around the world have daily exposures to it indoors and outdoors from multiple sources. Daily exposure to benzene in the recalled products would not be expected to cause adverse health consequences according to an independent health assessment using established exposure modeling guidelines.

The voluntarily recalled sunscreen spray products are packaged in aerosol cans. The products were distributed nationwide in the United States through various retailers and online. Edgewell has notified its retailers to remove any remaining recalled product from shelves. Banana Boat will also offer reimbursement for consumers who have purchased a product marked with one of the lot codes in the table above. Lot codes are located on the bottom of the can. Consumers should stop using the affected product immediately and appropriately discard.

Consumers with questions regarding this recall may contact Edgewell Personal Care at 1-888-686-3988 Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Consumers may also visit [www.bananaboat.com](http://www.bananaboat.com/) (<http://www.bananaboat.com/>). [↗ \(http://www.fda.gov/about-fda/website-policies/website-disclaimer\)](http://www.fda.gov/about-fda/website-policies/website-disclaimer) for more information and to learn how to receive reimbursement for eligible products. Consumers should contact their physician or healthcare provider if they have any questions, concerns or have experienced any problems related to using these aerosol sunscreen products.

Adverse reactions or quality problems experienced with the use of this product may be reported to the FDA's MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting program either online, by regular mail or by fax.

- Complete and submit the report [Online \(/safety/medwatch-fda-safety-information-and-adverse-event-reporting-program/reporting-serious-problems-fda\)](/safety/medwatch-fda-safety-information-and-adverse-event-reporting-program/reporting-serious-problems-fda).
- Regular Mail or Fax: [Download form \(/safety/medical-product-safety-information/medwatch-forms-fda-safety-reporting\)](/safety/medical-product-safety-information/medwatch-forms-fda-safety-reporting) or call 1- 800-332-1088 to request a reporting form, then complete and return to the address on the pre-addressed form, or submit by fax to 1-800-FDA-0178

This recall is being conducted with the knowledge of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

## **About Edgewell**

Edgewell is a leading pure-play consumer products company with an attractive, diversified portfolio of established brand names including Schick® and Wilkinson Sword® men's shaving products; Schick® and Billie® women's shaving products; Edge® and Skintimate® shave preparations; Playtex®, Stayfree®, Carefree® and o.b.® feminine care products; Banana Boat® and Hawaiian Tropic® sun care products; Bulldog®, Jack Black® and Cremo® grooming products; Fieldtrip™ skin care products; and Wet Ones® hygiene products. The Company has a broad global footprint and operates in more than 50 markets, including the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Germany, Japan, the U.K. and Australia, with approximately 6,500 employees worldwide.

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## **Product Photos**



hair & scalp *defense*

with natural essential oils

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Lightweight  
Non-Greasy

PROTECTION FOR  
HAIR & SCALP



ALLERGY INFORMATION



Apply liberally



Wait 15 min.



Reapply

about 4 applications per day



Reapply

### Drug Facts

#### Active Ingredients

Avobenzone 3.0%, Homosalate 6.0%, Octinoxate 8.0% SPF 50

**Use** ■ To help prevent sunburn ■ If used as directed with other sun protection measures (see Directions), decreases the risk of skin toward early skin aging caused by the sun.

#### Warnings

For external use only.

**Breaks:** Avoid under pressure. Do not puncture or irritate. Do not apply to areas with open wounds, cuts, blisters, or sunburn. Do not use in the presence of fire, spark, or open flame sources of ignition. For smoking, heat and flames, always concentrate and inhaling the contents can be harmful.

Do not use on regular or broken skin.

Washing the product from eyes from face to avoid breathing. If in eyes, flush with water to remove.

Do not use to treat or prevent tooth decay.

**Keep out of children's reach.** If product is swallowed, get medical help or call Poison Control Center right away. See back for details.

#### Directions

■ **Skin test:** ■ Hold container 4 to 6 inches from the skin to test. ■ Apply liberally and spread evenly. ■ Wait 15 minutes before exposure. ■ Rub in thoroughly into face. ■ Do not apply in windy conditions. ■ Reapply liberally. ■ Reapply after 80 minutes of swimming or sweating. ■ Immediately after towel drying. ■ At least every 2 hours. ■ Do not use if water is present.

**Sun Protection Measures:** Spending time in the sun increases your risk of skin cancer and early skin aging. To decrease this risk, experts recommend using a broad spectrum SPF value of 15 or higher and other sun protection measures including: ■ Limit time in the sun, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. ■ Wear long-sleeved shirts, pants, hats, and sunglasses.



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