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RECALLS OF CERTAIN SKIPPY PEANUT BUTTER PRODUCTS AND CERTAIN HAZELNUT PRODUCTS

Unilever United States, Inc. announced a limited recall of Skippy® Reduced Fat Creamy Peanut Butter Spread and Skippy® Reduced Fat Super Chunk Peanut Butter Spread, because it may be contaminated with Salmonella, an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis, and arthritis.

The recall is being conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). No other Skippy® products are affected by this recall.

The product was distributed to retail outlets in Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

The affected product, which is packaged in 16.3 oz plastic jars, is as follows with these UPC Codes and Best-If-Used-By Dates on the jar:

UPCs: 048001006812 and 048001006782 (located on the side of the jar's label below the bar code.)

Best-If-Used-By Dates: MAY1612LR1, MAY1712LR1, MAY1812LR1, MAY1912LR1, MAY2012LR1 and MAY2112LR1 (Stamped on the lid of the jar.)

To date, no illnesses related to this issue have been reported.

The recall was initiated as the result of a routine sampling program by the company, which revealed that these finished products may contain the bacteria.

Consumers who have purchased Skippy® Reduced Fat Peanut Butter Spread with the above UPCs and Best-If-Used-By-Dates are urged to discard the product immediately and call the company for a replacement coupon. Consumers can contact the company at 1-800-453-3432, which is operational 24 hours a day, for information on the recall. In addition, a consumer services representative is available Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 AM and 6:00 PM EST.

In addition, DeFranco and Sons of Los Angeles, CA, is voluntarily recalling bulk and consumer-packaged in-shell, hazelnut and mixed nut products containing hazelnuts because they may be contaminated with Escherichia coli O157:H7 bacteria (E. coli O157:H7). The recall was initiated after the nut products were linked to 7 illnesses in the states of MI, MN, and WI. To-date, no E. coli O157:H7 has been detected in the nut products.

Symptoms of E. coli O157:H7 infection may include abdominal cramps and diarrhea, which is often bloody. Most infected people recover within a week; however, some may develop complications that require hospitalization. Young children and the elderly are at highest risk for a potentially life-threatening complication known as hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS) which includes kidney failure.

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Pages/EscherichiacoliO157H7.aspx> .

DeFranco and Sons received the in-shell nuts from suppliers or growers and subsequently distributed the nuts nationwide and to Canada. The affected nuts listed below were distributed between 11/2/10 and 12/22/10:

Brand Size Product Sell By Date UPC
Sunripe 1 lb Large Hazelnuts 6/30/11 070533 000167
Sunripe 1 lb Mixed Nuts 6/30/11 070533 000143
Sunripe 2 lbs Mixed Nuts 6/30/11 070533 001003
None - (Sold as "Season's Greetings" Gift Pack) 4 lbs Mixed Nuts 6/30/11 070533 101024
Sunripe 50 lbs Imperial Mixed Nuts None
Sunripe 50 lbs Supreme Mixed Nuts None
George Packing 50 lbs Hazelnuts Only the products distributed by DeFranco and Sons between 11/2/10 to 12/22/10.

The 50 lb bags of in-shell hazelnuts or mixed nuts with hazelnuts may have been repacked or sold in bulk containers to consumers.

Consumers who think they may have the affected hazelnut or mixed nut products containing hazelnuts should not eat them and are urged to check with their place of purchase to determine if they are subject to the recall. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 800-992-3992, Monday thru Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 pm Pacific time.

At this time, the Food and Drug Safety Program (FDSP) is recommending that local health department officials, during the course of routine inspections, verify that the recalled products are not remaining on retail food establishments' shelves or offered in foodservice operations for consumption. FDSP recommends that local health department officials INVESTIGATE smaller, mom-and-pop type food establishments that may not have been notified of this recall and are more likely to sell or serve these products. If any developments or requests for assistance from FDA or CDC are received, FDSP will promptly notify you.