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1. J&J Snack Foods Handheld Corp. of Holly Ridge, NC is voluntarily recalling two lots of Fit & Active Southwest Veggie Stuffed Sandwiches due to potential contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes* and *Salmonella*. *Salmonella* is 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.

Listeria monocytogenes is an organism, which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria monocytogenes* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women. Individuals concerned about an illness should contact their health care provider.

The Fit & Active Southwest Veggie Stuffed Sandwiches products affected have production dates of Julian code: 20027230003106:15 BEST BY FEB 09 2019 and Julian code: 20027235003115:13 BEST BY FEB 14 2019.

Below is information to help identify the product.

UPC Code Brand / Label Product Description Best By Dates
0 4149815117 1 Fit & Active Southwest Veggie Stuffed Sandwiches FEB 09 2019 & FEB 14 2019

Although this product is not ready-to-eat and has baking instructions which, if followed, will reduce consumer risk, there remains some risk that mishandling of this product prior to or without adequate baking may cause illness. To date, no illnesses have been reported in connection with these products and this recall has been initiated as a precautionary measure.

The potential for contamination was discovered after a supplier, McCain Foods, IL, announced it was recalling frozen vegetables which are ingredients used in the product.

Products were distributed between 08/22/2017 - 09/20/2017 to Aldi retail stores in

Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Vermont, and West Virginia. Product was also available for purchase to ALDI customers in the Atlanta area through the company's partnership with Instacart, a grocery delivery service.

Consumers with affected products are urged to discard or return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Customers or consumers with questions may call 856-532-9064 between Monday - Friday 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Eastern Time.

2. Maribel's Sweets Inc. of Brooklyn, NY is recalling its 2.82oz MarieBelle Japanese Matcha Japanese Green Tea and White Chocolate Bar, container code 101619, Cacao Market by MarieBelle Rosemary Truffle Salt 60% Dark Chocolate Bar, all container codes, and the Cacao Market by MarieBelle Orange Peels 60% Dark Chocolate Bar, all container codes, because they may contain undeclared milk allergens. Consumers who are allergic to milk allergens may run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reactions if they consume this product.

The recalled 2.82oz MarieBelle Japanese Matcha Japanese Green Tea and White Chocolate Bar, container code 101619, Cacao Market by MarieBelle Rosemary Truffle Salt 60% Dark Chocolate Bar, all container codes, and the Cacao Market by MarieBelle Orange Peels 60% Dark Chocolate Bar, all container codes have the UPC codes 877708005886 (Cacao Market Japanese Matcha Bar) 877708004803 (Cacao Market Orange Peel Bar) and 877708004841 (Rosemary Truffle Salt Bar).

No illness or allergic reactions involving this product have been reported to date.

The recall was initiated after routine sampling by New York State Department of Agriculture and Market Food Inspectors and subsequent analysis by Food Laboratory personnel revealed the presence of undeclared milk allergens in MarieBelle Japanese Matcha Japanese Green Tea and White Chocolate Bar in 2.82oz container, Cacao Market by MarieBelle Rosemary Truffle Salt 60% Dark Chocolate Bar in 2.82oz container, and the Cacao Market by MarieBelle Orange Peels 60% Dark Chocolate Bar in 2.82oz container, which did not declare milk ingredient on the label.

Consumers who have purchased the 2.82 ounce packages of MarieBelle's Japanese Matcha Japanese Green Tea and White Chocolate Bar, Rosemary Truffle Salt 60% Dark Chocolate Bar, Orange Peels 60% Dark Chocolate Bar are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumer with questions may contact the company at (718) 599 5515.

3. Barcelona Nut Company of Baltimore, Maryland is recalling 239 cases of roasted and

salted in shell pistachios, because it has the potential to 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 roasted and salted in shell pistachios were distributed in Washington D.C., Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York, California, Virginia, Ohio, New Jersey, and Georgia through retail stores and direct delivery. The pistachios are Barcelona Nut Company brand, packaged in Red White and Blue window plastic film, and come in sizes:

2.75 oz., UPC 030239130001 with expiration date 9/18/2019
2.25 oz., UPC 030239149034 with expiration date 9/17/2019 and 10/9/2019
1.50 oz., UPC 030239591154 with expiration date 10/9/2019 and 9/17/2019
1.25 oz., UPC 030239991060 with expiration date 10/8/2019
1 oz. Green plastic film package pictured UPC 030239510148 with expiration dates 10/4/2019 and 10/10/2019.

No illnesses have been reported to date.

Barcelona Nut Company's processor and supplier, ARO, voluntarily initiated the recall after a separate and unaffiliated manufacturer, performed a routine test which revealed salmonella. Since Barcelona Nut Company received product from the same lot, it is necessary to take precautions. Barcelona Nut Company has ceased the production and distribution of this particular lot of roasted and salted in shell pistachios as the FDA and the companies involved continue their investigation.

Consumers with questions, or who have purchased Barcelona Nut Company pistachios with the included code dates are urged to contact Michelle Ocheltree at michelleo@barcelonanut.com or 443.552.5366 or 443.552.5364 to receive a paid postage envelope to return the product to Barcelona Nut Company and full refund.

4. Nutrisca, of Saint Louis, Missouri is voluntarily recalling one formula of Nutrisca® dry dog food (described below) due to it containing elevated levels of vitamin D.

4 lbs Nutrisca® Chicken and Chickpea Dry Dog Food Bag UPC: 8-84244-12495-7
15 lbs Nutrisca® Chicken and Chickpea Dry Dog Food Bag UPC: 8-84244-12795-8
28 lbs Nutrisca® Chicken and Chickpea Dry Dog Food Bag UPC: 8-84244-12895-5

Bags affected have a Best By Date code of February 25, 2020 through September 13, 2020. The Best By Date code can be found on the back or bottom of each bag.

The products were distributed to retail stores nationwide.

Nutrisca became aware of the elevated levels of vitamin D after receiving complaints from three pet owners of vitamin D toxicity after consuming the product. An investigation revealed a formulation error led to the elevated vitamin D in the product.

Consumers should stop feeding the products listed above. Dogs ingesting elevated levels of Vitamin D may exhibit symptoms such as vomiting, loss of appetite, increased thirst, increased urination, excessive drooling, and weight loss. Vitamin D when consumed at very high levels can lead to serious health issues in dogs including renal dysfunction. Consumers with dogs who have consumed any of the products listed above and are exhibiting these symptoms, should contact their veterinarian.

Consumers who have purchased any of the products affected by this recall should dispose of it or return it to the place of purchase for a full refund.

Consumers with questions may contact Nutrisca at (888) 279-9420 from 8 AM to 5 PM Central Standard time, Monday through Friday, or by email at consumerservices@nutrisca.com for more information.

No other Nutrisca® products, including Nutrisca® Chicken & Chickpea wet dog foods are impacted. All other Nutrisca® dog and cat food products are safe to feed to pets.

This is a voluntary recall and is being conducted in cooperation with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

5. Conagra Brands is collaborating with health officials in connection with a positive finding of Salmonella in a retail sample of Duncan Hines Classic White cake mix that may be linked to a Salmonella outbreak that is currently being investigated by CDC and FDA. While it has not been definitively concluded that this product is linked to the outbreak and the investigation is still ongoing, Conagra has decided to voluntarily recall the specific Duncan Hines variety identified (Classic White) and three other varieties (Classic Butter Golden, Signature Confetti and Classic Yellow) made during the same time period out of an abundance of caution.

Five occurrences of illnesses due to Salmonella are being researched by CDC and FDA as part of this investigation.

Several of the individuals reported consuming a cake mix at some point prior to

becoming ill, and some may have also consumed these products raw and not baked. Consumers are reminded not to consume any raw batter. Cake mixes and batter can be made with ingredients such as eggs or flour which can carry risks of bacteria that are rendered harmless by baking, frying or boiling. Consumers are reminded to wash their hands, work surfaces, and utensils thoroughly after contact with raw batter products, to follow baking instructions, and to never eat raw batter.

The products covered by this recall were distributed for retail sale in the U.S. and limited international exports: the specific product information is listed below. No other Duncan Hines products or Conagra Brands' products are impacted by this recall.

Product Description & Brand

Product UPC

Best If Used By Date
(located on top of box)

Duncan Hines Classic White Cake 15.25oz. 644209307500 MAR 7 2019

MAR 8 2019

MAR 9 2019

MAR 10 2019

MAR 12 2019

MAR 13 2019

Duncan Hines Classic Yellow Cake 15.25oz. 644209307494 MAR 9 2019

MAR 10 2019

MAR 12 2019

MAR 13 2019

Duncan Hines Classic Butter Golden Cake 15.25oz. 644209307593 MAR 7 2019

MAR 8 2019

MAR 9 2019

Duncan Hines Signature Confetti Cake 15.25oz. 644209414550 MAR 12 2019

MAR 13 2019

Consumers who have purchased these items are advised not to consume them and to return them to the store where originally purchased. Conagra Brands is cooperating with the FDA on this recall and is working with customers to ensure the packages are removed from store shelves and are no longer distributed. Consumers with questions should call the company's Consumer Care team at 1-888-299-7646, open 9 am through 5 pm EST, Monday through Friday or visit www.duncanhines.com.

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