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Please review the following message from Alan Talarsky, Environmental Scientist 4, Public Health and Food Protection Program, NJDOH regarding the following Class 1 Recalls issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture:

1. Euphoria Fancy Food Inc of Brooklyn, NY is recalling its 500gram packages of "Tainy Vostoka Assorted Dry Fruits-Apple" because they contain undeclared sulfites. Consumers who have severe sensitivity to sulfites run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reactions if they consume this product.

The recalled "Tainy Vostoka Assorted Dry Fruits-Apple" were distributed nationwide in retail stores and through mail orders. The product comes in 500gram, clear plastic package marked with container code #21 01 19 SS upc # # 4605932006197

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 Markets Food Inspectors and subsequent analysis by Food Laboratory personnel revealed the presence of sulfites in the 500gram packages of "Tainy Vostoka Assorted Dry Fruits-Apple" which were not declared on the label. Consumers who have purchased 500gram packages of "Tainy Vostoka Assorted Dry Fruits-Apple" are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the company at 718-768-3400 from 8:30 to 5:00 eastern time.

2. Premium Foods USA, Inc., a Woodside, N.Y. establishment and importer of record, is recalling approximately 76,025 pounds of various Siluriformes fish products that were not presented for import re-inspection into the United States, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced. Additionally, the products were imported from Bangladesh and Myanmar, countries ineligible to export Siluriformes fish product to the United States.

The various Siluriformes fish items were imported from Bangladesh and Myanmar to the United States on various dates from March 26, 2018 through March 8, 2019.

These items were shipped to retail locations in Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

The problem was discovered during routine FSIS surveillance activities of imported products.

There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about a reaction should contact a healthcare provider.

FSIS is concerned that some product may be in consumers' freezers. Consumers who have purchased these products are urged not to consume them. These products should be thrown away or returned to the place of purchase.

FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify recalling firms notify their customers of the recall and that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no longer available to consumers. When available, the retail distribution list(s) will be posted on the FSIS website at www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls.

Consumers and members of the media with questions about the recall can contact KM Chowdhury, Manager, Premium Foods USA, Inc., at info@premiumfoods.us.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov or via smartphone at m.askkaren.gov. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day. The online Electronic Consumer Complaint Monitoring System can be accessed 24 hours a day at: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/reportproblem>.

3. Williams Foods LLC has initiated a voluntary and precautionary recall of the following items:

| Item number | Product Name | Package Size | Product UPC | Product dates |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 564829444 | Great Value Mild Taco Seasoning Mix | 1 oz | 0 78742 24572 0 | Best if used by 07/08/21 |
| | | | | Best if used by 07/09/21 |
| 050215 | HEB Taco Seasoning Mix Reduced Sodium | 1.25 oz | 0 41220 79609 0 | Better by 07/10/21 |
| | | | | Better by 07/11/21 |
| | | | | Better by 07/15/21 |

These items contain cumin spice involved in a recall initiated by our supplier, Mincing Spice Co. Mincing has issued a recall for a specific lot of cumin they produced because a sample from that lot was tested by one of Mincing's customers and was found to be potentially contaminated with Salmonella. A portion of the lot recalled by Mincing was supplied to Williams Foods, LLC. The firm is recalling its products listed above as a

precautionary action: to date there have been no consumer complaints or reported cases of Salmonellosis in connection with these products.

Salmonella 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, 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, endocarditis and arthritis.

The potentially affected product consists of retail packages weighing 1 - 1.25 oz.

The "Best By" date information can be found on the top part of the back side of the package. The product is sold in select retail grocery stores located in Washington, DC and the following states: AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, DC, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WI, WV, WY.

No other "Best By" dates are being recalled.

Consumers who have purchased the product with the above "Best By" dates are urged not to consume the product but to discard it or return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may call the firm's Customer Service Center at 1-800-847-5608 or by e-mail at customerservice@chg.com for more information. The customer service desk will be staffed in person from 8am to 5pm CST Monday to Friday.

4. The Lennox Intl Inc located in Edison NJ, is voluntary recalling its Natural Pig ears because they have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella. Salmonella can affect animals eating the product and there is risk to humans from handling contaminated products, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with the products or any surfaces exposed to these products which are solely for the consumption by dogs.

Healthy people infected with Salmonella should monitor themselves for some or all of the following symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramping and fever. Rarely, Salmonella can result in more serious ailments, including arterial infections, endocarditis, arthritis, muscle pain, eye irritation, and urinary tract symptoms. Consumers exhibiting these signs after having contact with this product should contact their healthcare providers.

Pets with Salmonella infections may be lethargic and have diarrhea or bloody diarrhea, fever, and vomiting. Some pets will have only decreased appetite, fever and abdominal pain. Infected but otherwise healthy pets can be carriers and infect other animals or

humans. If your pet has consumed the recalled product and has these symptoms, please contact your veterinarian.

The recalled products affected were shipped to nationwide distributors and/or retail stores from May 1st, to July 3rd, 2019.

The product comes in and 8 PK branded pouch under UPC 742174 995163, 742174994166 or packaged individually shrink wrapped under UPC 0385384810, and 742174P35107. All UPC codes are located on the front label of the package.

To date, Lennox is aware of two cases of its pig ears that caused dog illnesses which may be related to the potential Salmonella contamination noted during an ongoing FDA investigation of Salmonella illness, associated with what appears to be a multiple source.

Consumers who have purchased the product and have proper receipt may return product or contact 800-5388980 Monday to Friday 9-5 PM or contact the firm at usaoffice@lennoxpets.com for refund and additional information.

No action is required of local health departments at this time for any of these recalls. If any requests for assistance are received from either USDA or FDA, the Public Health and Food Protection Program will contact you. For additional information regarding warnings and recalls, please click on the weblink below.

For all recalls - <http://www.recalls.gov/recent.html>