

## **NJLINCS Health Alert Network**

### **Public Health Info**

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

1. Viable Solutions of Nampa, ID has initiated a recall of certain Kratom-containing powder products, because it has the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella, an organism which 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 potentially affected powder products are packaged in kraft paper, foil-lined heat sealed pouches and sold in 25 grams, 100 grams, 250 grams, and 1000 grams sizes. The units were sold directly to consumers nationwide in January and February of 2018 via company websites. The products description are as follows:

Recall Product Identification:

Brand Product Name Net Wt.

Herbal-Salvation.com Mitragyna Speciosa Leaf Powder-Red Vein Sumatra 25 grams, 100 grams, 250 grams, 1000 grams

Herbal-Salvation.com Mitragyna Speciosa Leaf Powder-Red Vein Bali 25 grams, 100 grams, 250 grams, 1000 grams

Herbal-Salvation.com Mitragyna Speciosa Leaf Powder-Green Horn 25 grams, 100 grams, 250 grams, 1000 grams

Herbal-Salvation.com Mitragyna Speciosa Leaf Powder-Thai Maeng Da 25 grams, 100 grams, 250 grams, 1000 grams

The lot numbers being recalled can be found on the packaging and are as follows:

RVS1380182301

RVB1380182201

GVH1380171512

MD13120181601

The company has been notified by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) that certain lots of the product were tested positive for Salmonella. While the Salmonella has not been traced to Viable Solutions, out of an abundance of

caution and concern for the public health, Viable Solutions has initiated this recall. Viable Solutions has identified the supplier and source of the potentially contaminated product and has ceased production and distribution of the potentially contaminated product. Working in cooperation with the FDA, the company will destroy all recalled product upon return.

Consumers who may be in possession of potentially contaminated products are advised not to consume products from those LOT numbers. All products associated with this recall should be returned to Viable Solutions for a full refund. Customers can return product to company for a full refund within fourteen (14) days by contacting Viable Solutions at [recall@herbal-salvation.com](mailto:recall@herbal-salvation.com).

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2. Carnivore Meat Company of Green Bay, WI, is voluntarily recalling a limited amount of pet food because the products may have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella.

The following affected products were distributed in the continental USA through independent retailers and via online retailers Chewys.com and Amazon.com through direct delivery.

Affected products can be identified by comparing the following lot numbers and best by dates: "Vital Essentials Freeze-Dried Beef Toppers, 6 oz. poly bag" with "Lot #13815, Best by 06/01/2019, Best by 06/04/19 or Best by 06/20/19 and UPC 033211006059" and "Vital Essentials Frozen Beef Chub Entrée for Dogs, 5 lb." with "Lot #13816, Best by 12/27/18 and UPC 033211008817".

No other Vital Essentials products are subject to this precautionary voluntary recall.

Salmonella can affect animals eating the products and there is risk to humans from handling contaminated pet products, especially if they have not thoroughly washed their hands after having contact with the products or any surfaces exposed to these products.

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 recall is being issued in an abundance of caution following the FDA's collection of a product from a single batch was tested for the presence of salmonella. There have been no reports of illness.

Consumers who have purchased the items listed above, are urged to discard them safely in a covered trash receptacle, any of the products included in this recall. You may notify your retailer for a replacement or refund. Consumers with questions may call the company at 920-370-6542.

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3 TruPet, LLC of Milford, OH, is voluntarily recalling a limited amount of Boost Me Mighty Meaty Beef Topper Meal Enhancer because the products have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella. The recall is limited to 400 cases of the product, as identified below.

The following affected "Boost Me" products were distributed in the continental USA via online retailer Chewy.com and TruDog.com through direct delivery:

Affected product can be identified by comparing the following lot number: "Boost Me Mighty Meaty Beef Topper Meal Enhancer" with "lot number #20190531 13815".

No products other than the specific product identified above are subject to this voluntary recall.

The recall is being issued in an abundance of caution following the FDA's collection of a retail sample from a single batch which tested positive. No illnesses have been reported to date.

Consumers who have purchased Boost Me Mighty Meaty Beef Topper Meal Enhancer are urged to return effected product to the place of purchase for a refund. Consumers with questions may call the company at 800-476-8808 for 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 FDA, the Public Health and Food Protection Program will contact you. For additional information regarding warnings and recalls, please click on the weblink below.

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

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