

**NJLINCS Health Alert Network**  
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Subject: Food, Pet Food, and Drug Recalls  
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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:

1. Growers Express is issuing a voluntary recall of select fresh vegetable products. The fresh vegetable products include packaged varieties of butternut squash, cauliflower, zucchini and a butternut squashed based veggie bowl. Please refer to the chart below for specific product names and retailers.

The products originate from a Growers Express production facility in Biddeford, Maine and were distributed to the states referenced in the chart below. The voluntary recall was issued due to the potential for contamination with *Listeria monocytogenes*. There are no reported illnesses.

*Listeria* is an organism that 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 short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headaches, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea. *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

Most of the affected products are labeled with a "Best If Used By" Date of June 26 - June 29, 2019. No other Growers Express products are impacted or part of this recall. This recall does not affect or include any Green Giant® canned or frozen vegetable products.

Consumers who purchased any of the products listed below from the affected sell by dates or with an unreadable date code are urged not to consume them and to throw the products away.

The only products distributed into NJ are as follows:

Retailer/Distributor	Label Description/Brand	Item Name	Package Weight	Item SKU	UPC Number	Lot No.	Best By
Trader Joe's	Trader Joe's	Butternut Squash Spirals	10.5 oz.	BCN105106	623391	190614-403565	6/28/2019

Customers also have been notified to remove any remaining products from shelves and

inventory. Please refer to the toll-free number listed on each package with any questions or requests for refund. Visit [www.GrowersExpress.com/voluntaryrecallExternal](http://www.GrowersExpress.com/voluntaryrecallExternal) Link Disclaimer for the most up-to-date information. For more information, contact Megan McCarl at 231-670-5340 or at [mmccarl@lambert.com](mailto:mmccarl@lambert.com)

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2. Altaire Pharmaceuticals, Inc., announced that it is voluntarily recalling the Over-the-Counter (OTC) drug products and lots, within expiry, sold at Walgreens during the time period as indicated in the tables below. As a precautionary measure, Altaire is initiating the recall due to management concerns regarding the sufficiency of Quality Assurance controls over critical systems in the manufacturing facility. This recall is being carried out to the retail level and is only for the specific lots listed above. No other lots are being recalled.

Administration of a non-sterile product intended to be sterile may result in serious and potentially life-threatening infections or death. To date, Altaire has received no reports of adverse events, nor has Altaire obtained any out of specifications results including Sterility testing, for the products.

Product Description: Lubricant Eye Drops Moisturizing Walgreens item #: 801483 NDC #: 0363-0185-13 Package Size: 15 mL

Lot Number

Expiration Date

Manufacturer Initial Ship Date

19095 04/21 05/14/19

Product Description: Lubricant Eye Drops Moisturizing Twin Pack Walgreens item #: 801477 NDC #: 0363-0185-49 Package Size: 2 x 15 mL

Lot Number

Expiration Date

Manufacturer Initial Ship Date

19095 04/21 05/14/19

Product Description: Sodium Chloride Ophthalmic Ointment, 5% Hypertonicity Eye Ointment Walgreens item #: 801482 NDC #: 0363-7500-50 Package Size: 3.5 gram

Lot Number

Expiration Date

Manufacturer Initial Ship Date

TCI 03/21 05/08/2019

Product Description: Sodium Chloride Ophthalmic Solution, 5% Hypertonicity Eye Drops Walgreens item #: 801402 NDC #: 0363-0193-13 Package Size: 15 mL

Lot Number

Expiration Date

Manufacturer Initial Ship Date

19105 04/22 05/24/2019

19050 02/22 05/23/2019

Product Description: Lubricant Eye Ointment PF Soothing Walgreens item #: 801486 NDC #: 0363-0191-50 Package Size: 3.5 gram

Lot Number

Expiration Date

Manufacturer Initial Ship Date

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The products are manufactured and labeled exclusively for Walgreens. Altaire ships the products labeled for Walgreens only to Walgreens. The products are distributed at the retail level by Walgreens. Altaire has also requested that Walgreens notify its customers.

Altaire has notified Walgreens by e-mail on July 3, 2019 announcing the recalls of the products/lots identified herein, with specific directions for return of all units of the impacted lots.

Customers with questions regarding this recall can contact Altaire Pharmaceuticals Inc., by calling 1-800-258-2471, or e-mailing [otcdruggist@aol.com](mailto:otcdruggist@aol.com) Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET. Customers should contact their physician or healthcare provider if they have experienced any problems that may be related to taking or using this drug product.

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

.Regular Mail or Fax: Download form 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.

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3. With the recent announcements of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) investigating contaminated Pig Ear Treats connecting to Salmonella, Pet Supplies Plus is advising consumers it is recalling bulk pig ear product supplied to all locations by several different vendors due to the potential of Salmonella contamination. 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.

Individuals infected with Salmonella should monitor 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.

Bulk pig ears were distributed to Pet Supplies Plus stores in AL, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, WI and WV. Bulk pig ears were stocked in open bins. Prepackaged branded pig ears are not included in this voluntary recall.

To date, 45 individuals in 13 states have been diagnosed with Salmonella related illness. However, none of these cases are confirmed to be a result of purchasing pig ears from Pet Supplies Plus.

Testing by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development revealed that aging bulk pig ear product in one of the firm's stores tested positive for Salmonella. The firm has pulled bulk pig ear product from the shelves at all of its stores and has stopped shipping bulk pig ears from its Distribution Center.

Consumers who have purchased bulk pig ears should discontinue use of the product and discard it. Consumers who have further questions are welcome to contact the firm's Neighbor Service team at 734-793- 6564 between Monday and Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. EST (excluding holidays).

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4. PROBAR LLC of Salt Lake City, UT has initiated a voluntary recall of select flavors and lots of Meal® bars, including Chocolate Coconut, Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip, Original Trail Mix, Wholeberry Blast and Superfood Slam due to the possible presence of undeclared milk and soy allergens. People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to milk or soy may run the risk of a serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume the affected products. No other PROBAR® products are affected.

This voluntary recall involves select Meal® bar flavors in 3oz. packages distributed nationwide and Canada to retail stores and online. The following lots of PROBAR® Meal bars are included in the recall:

- . LOT #29109 PROBAR: MEAL: Chocolate Coconut EXP APR 19 2020 | UPC: 853152100346
- . LOT #29123 PROBAR: MEAL: Chocolate Coconut EXP MAY 03 2020 | UPC: 853152100346
- . LOT #29119 PROBAR: MEAL: Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip EXP APR 29 2020 | UPC: 853152100322
- . LOT #29126 PROBAR: MEAL: Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip EXP MAY 06 2020 | UPC: 853152100322
- . LOT #29119 PROBAR: MEAL: Original Trail Mix EXP APR 29 2020 | UPC:

853152100018

. LOT #29121 PROBAR: MEAL: Wholeberry Blast EXP MAY 01 2020 | UPC: 853152100025

. LOT #29122 PROBAR: MEAL: Superfood Slam EXP MAY 02 2020 | UPC: 853152100070

. Simply Real Bar (Canada) Chocolate Coconut LOT # and EXP "Best Before Meilleur Avant 20-MA 03-0634" | UPC: 853152800666

Lot Codes and expiration dates for individual bars are printed on the back of each wrapper.

PROBAR learned of the issue after receiving a complaint of an allergic reaction in a consumer after eating a PROBAR: MEAL Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip bar. Our investigation determined that an ingredient potentially contained milk and soy. To date, PROBAR has received this one report of illness.

Consumers can call 1-800-921-2294, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. MT, or email [returns@theprobar.com](mailto:returns@theprobar.com) for more information and how to return the product for a full refund.

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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>