



RECALL NOTICE

The following message is being sent to all authorized member recall personnel.

Company Announcement

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Advanced Fresh Concepts Franchise Corp. Voluntarily Recalls Edamame Due to Potential Health Risk

For Immediate Release

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Announcement

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[Advanced Fresh Concepts Franchise Corp. \("AFC"\) of Rancho Dominguez, California is recalling its Edamame \(Soybeans\) – UPC 0-23012-00261-9, dated between 01/03/2017 and 03/17/2017 because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. Contamination was discovered via random testing under AFC's Quality Assurance Program.](#)

[Listeria monocytogenes is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or older adults, pregnant women, 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 infection can cause miscarriages, stillbirths and fetal infection among pregnant women. No illnesses have been reported to date.](#)

[AFC has notified all retail locations of the recall. Therefore, the product should no longer be available for purchase. The products were packaged by AFC Franchisees and sold, under refrigeration, in 8.0 oz \(227 g\) packages and identified as "Edamame – Soybeans in Pods". The packed Edamame was sold at designated retail sushi counters within grocery stores, cafeterias, and corporate dining centers in the following states: AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, ME, MI, MN, MS, NC, NH, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA, WA, and WY.](#)

[Consumers concerned about whether the Edamame they purchased is subject to this recall should check with the store of purchase. Consumers who have purchased the recalled product should not consume it and return it to the point of purchase for a full refund.](#)

[A picture of the retail Edamame package is attached to the end of this release. The date code can be found on the face of the package.](#)

Consumers with questions may call 1-866-467-8744 during normal business hours (Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Pacific Time) or email recall@afcsushi.com.

* **We believe that none of the product being recalled were processed or offered through the national office.**

* We strongly encourage you to notify your agencies within one business day from receipt of this notice.

* ALL cased and uncased inventories, both at the member level and agency level, need to be checked. This product may have entered member and agency warehouses through salvage, local donations, TEFAP, local purchases, retail pickups, food drives, or other avenues.

* For additional local details, please contact the Health Department(s) for the area(s) your food bank serves.

For full details on the recall, please visit:

https://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm547260.htm?source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

If you have questions, please contact Wayne Melichar, Food Safety Manager, at wmelichar@feedingamerica.org or 312.629.7263.