

Bakkavor Foods USA, Inc. Issues Voluntary Recalls of Certain Hummus Products Because of Possible Health Risks

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Announcement

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Charlotte, NC — Bakkavor Foods USA, Inc. is voluntarily recalling Trader Joe's Mediterranean Hummus (SKU #90642) and Trader Joe's White Bean & Basil Hummus (SKU #91107) with "USE BY" date codes up through and including 12/15/2016, because these products have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

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. Healthy individuals may suffer only 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.

The products come in 16 ounce plastic tubs with SKU numbers printed on the top labels and "USE BY" date codes stamped on the bottom of the tubs, along with the plant identification code "C". To clarify, products with plant identification code "J" were produced in a different facility and are NOT affected by this recall. In addition, Trader Joe's Mediterranean Hummus Snack Pack with Pita Chips (SKU #97136) is NOT part of this recall.

To date there have been no confirmed illnesses.

States Affected	Product	Code Date
IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, NE, OH and WI	Trader Joe's White Bean & Basil Hummus ONLY (SKU 91107)	USE BY dates up through and including "12/15/16" and plant identification code "C"
AL, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, ID, LA, NC, NM, NV, OK, OR, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA and WA	Trader Joe's White Bean & Basil Hummus (SKU 91107) AND Trader Joe's Mediterranean Hummus (SKU 90642)	USE BY dates up through and including "12/15/16" and plant identification code "C"

The potential for contamination was noted after testing by the company revealed the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in product manufactured on the same equipment. The company subsequently identified the source of the issue and has corrected the matter. All potentially affected products have been removed from store shelves and destroyed.

Consumers should discard the product immediately or return it to their point of purchase for a full refund. Customers with questions may contact Bakkavor Foods at (855) 312-7504 [Error! Filename not specified.](#) [Error! Filename not specified.](#), Monday through Friday 8:00P.M. - 5:00P.M. PST.

The voluntary recall is being conducted with the knowledge of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

*** We believe that none of the products 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:

http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm531359.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.