

CVS Pharmacy Announces Voluntary Recall of Gold Emblem Abound Organic Spiced Herbal Tea Due to Possible Health Risk

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Announcement

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CVS Pharmacy® announced today that it has voluntarily recalled select cases of Gold Emblem Abound™ Organic Spiced Herbal Tea following notification from the manufacturer that the product is potentially contaminated with *Salmonella*. An ingredient produced by the manufacturer's raw material supplier tested positive for *Salmonella* in another company's product. CVS Pharmacy's Gold Emblem product also contains this ingredient.

The product is labeled "Gold Emblem Abound Organic Spiced Herbal Tea 1.41 oz" and was packed in 1.4 oz cartons. The recalled product has a single best by date of 18 Mar 2018 with a UPC code 0 50428 541043. No other best by dates are affected. The product was available at CVS Pharmacy stores nationwide.

Salmonella is an organism that 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.

Approximately 200 units of the recalled product were sold prior to this recall. The Company is not aware of any reported cases of illness to date related to this product and it has issued this voluntary recall as a matter of precaution.

CVS Pharmacy has removed the affected products from its stores and the manufacturer has notified the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. A "do not sell" block has also been placed in the Company's store register system to prevent further sale of these recalled items.

Any customer who purchased the recalled product should immediately discontinue use and return the item to CVS Pharmacy for a refund. For additional information, please contact the Company at 1-800-SHOP-CVS Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM ET.

About CVS Pharmacy CVS Pharmacy, the retail division of CVS Health (NYSE:CVS), is America's leading retail pharmacy with over 9,600 locations. It is the first national pharmacy to end the sale of tobacco and the first pharmacy in the nation to receive the Community Pharmacy accreditation from URAC, the leading health care accreditation organization that establishes quality standards for the health care industry. CVS Pharmacy is reinventing pharmacy to help people on their path to better health by providing the most accessible and personalized expertise, both in its stores and online at CVS.com. General information about CVS Pharmacy and CVS Health is available at www.cvshealth.com.

*** 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/ucm497299.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.