

General Mills announced today a voluntary national recall of four specific flavors of Nature Valley Protein Chewy Bars and Nature Valley Simple Nut Bars. The recall is being issued as part of sunflower kernel supplier SunOpta's ongoing national recall for the potential presence of *Listeria monocytogenes*. General Mills has not received any direct consumer reports of confirmed illnesses related to this supplier issue.

The four flavors of Nature Valley bars that are part of the recall were distributed to retail establishments throughout the United States. Consumers are asked to check their pantries and dispose of the products affected by this recall, regardless of when they were purchased or what date is on the package.

Consumers who have had to discard products covered by this recall may contact General Mills Consumer Relations at 1-866-896-4365 for a replacement.

This recall only affects four flavors of Nature Valley's nearly 40 different products. Nature Valley's other products are not affected by this recall.

"We know this is inconvenient for consumers who love these four flavors," said Anton Vincent, President of General Mills Snacks Division. "We promise they will return as soon as it is safe to do so."

Other General Mills products that use sunflower kernels have not been impacted. SunOpta announced the expansion of their sunflower kernel recall yesterday (June 1, 2016) which impacted these four specific flavors of Nature Valley bars.

This voluntary recall includes the following products currently in stores or consumers' pantries:

Nature Valley Protein Chewy Bar -Honey, Peanut & Almond with Pumpkin Seeds - 5 count

Package UPC: 000-16000-47196

Nature Valley Protein Chewy Bar-Peanut, Almond & Dark Chocolate - 5 count

Package UPC: 000-16000-45724

Nature Valley Simple Nut Bar - Roasted Peanut & Honey - 4 count

Package UPC: 000-16000-46475

Nature Valley Simple Nut Bar - Roasted Peanut & Honey - 16 count

Package UPC: 000-16000-41308

Nature Valley Simple Nut Bar – Almond, Cashew & Sea Salt - 4 count

Package UPC: 000-16000-46474

Nature Valley Simple Nut Bar-Almond, Cashew & Sea Salt - 25 count

Package UPC: 000-16000-41301

For more information on this recall, please visit www.generalmills.com/sunflowerseeds

*** 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/ucm508639.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.