

Hampton Creek Issues Voluntary Recall of Mixes Containing Native Forest Coconut Milk Powder Because of Possible Health Risk

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Announcement

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San Francisco, CA. - Out of an abundance of caution, Hampton Creek is undertaking a voluntary recall of 6 SKU's of baking mixes that contain the *Native Forest Coconut Milk Powder*. The ingredient, which makes up less than 1.31% of the mixes, tested positive for *Salmonella* in a company-initiated testing program. **Hampton Creek immediately notified Native Forest and their distributor, and has requested they initiate a voluntary recall of all their *Native Forest Coconut Milk Powder*-in all formats-with all retail and food manufacturing customers.** The affected mixes, available nation-wide, are as follows:

White Cake Mix UPC Code: 854829006886 Weight: 20 OZ Sell By Date: 5/25/2017 Packaging Type: Cardboard Box	Cinnamon Roll Cake Mix UPC Code: 854829006442 Weight: 26.9 OZ Sell By Date: 5/28/2017 Packaging Type: Cardboard Box	Chocolate Chunk Muffin Mix UPC Code: 854829006565 Weight: 20.8 OZ Sell By Date: 6/6/2017 Packaging Type: Cardboard Box
Yellow Cake Mix UPC Code: 854829006428 Weight: 20 OZ Sell By Date: 6/2/2017, 7/13/2017 Packaging Type: Cardboard Box	Blueberry Muffin Mix UPC Code: 854829006855 Weight: 23.3OZ Sell By Date: 6/4/2017 Packaging Type: Cardboard Box	Devil's Food Cake Mix UPC Code: 854829006435 Weight: 20 OZ Sell by date: 6/7/2017 Packaging Type: Cardboard Box

Per the FDA's website, "*Salmonella* 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 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."

As part of Hampton Creek's testing program, 30 *Native Forest Coconut Milk Powder* samples were pulled and tested. 29 of the samples tested negative and one sample tested positive for *Salmonella*. 74 additional samples taken from other lots of the *Native Forest Coconut Milk Powder* tested negative.

No other Hampton Creek products were affected, and there have been no reports of any health issues.

All finished mixes released into the market tested negative for any pathogens, but with the presence of *Salmonella* in the *Native Forest Coconut Milk Powder*, we notified the FDA of the potential health risk. Consumers who have purchased any of the recalled products should not consume the product, and either discard it or return it to the retailer for a full refund.

"Nothing else matters without safety," said Hampton Creek's Founder and CEO, Josh Tetrick. "The guidance we've received from the FDA has been vital to ensuring any affected product is removed from the marketplace. You can reach me directly any time at 415.404.2372 or the company at 844.423.6637, M-F 9:00-6pm PST, and wecare@hamptoncreek.com with any and all questions or concerns."

With the health and safety of consumers being the company's top priority, Hampton Creek decided to inform the FDA of the *Native Forest Coconut Milk Powder* concern 2 days before the confirmed test result.

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- * **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/ucm514174.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.