

Hickory Harvest Recalls Certain Sunflower Kernel Products Because Of Possible Listeria Monocytogenes

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Announcement

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Hickory Harvest Foods, under advice from its sunflower kernel supplier, SunOpta, is recalling a limited number of products that have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, 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 and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The products were packaged at, or distributed from Hickory Harvest between the dates of February 15, 2016 and May 2, 2016. Shipments were to the following states: AL, AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, ME, MO, MS, ND, NE, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA, and WY. No illnesses have been reported to date, but in an abundance of caution Hickory Harvest is recalling all affected products.

Recalled retail items were sold in packaged bags and deli tubs and are marked with Best By Dates located on the front or back of the packages. Listed below are details regarding the recalled items:

Hickory Harvest Roasted Salted Sunflower Kernel	10 oz	0-36232-07703-9	11/18/16, 01/07/17, 01/08/17
Hickory Harvest Roasted No Salt Sunflower Kernel	10 oz	0-36232-07707-9	11/16/16, 01/21/17
Hickory Harvest Roasted Salted Sunflower Kernel Car Cup	7 oz	0-36232-07716-9	11/25/16, 12/29/16
Hickory Harvest Roasted Salted Sunflower Kernel	11 oz	0-36232-07702-2	01/11/17
Hickory Harvest Roasted Salted Sunflower Kernel	5oz	0-36232-07704-6	11/25/16, 12/28/16, 12/29/16

IM Good Roasted Salted Sunflower Kernel	1.6 oz	7-93724-80218-9	04/29/17
Sheetz Roasted Salted Sunflower Kernel	3.5oz	7-59465-00784-9	03/01/17
Raylicious Roasted Salted Sunflower Kernel	1.5oz	8-55291-00192-8	04/14/17 04/15/17
Liberty Roasted Salted Sunflower Kernel	3 oz	6-08819-35672-3	04/16/17 04/29/17
Heinens Roasted Salted Sunflower Kernel	10 oz	0-36232-07703-9	12/28/16
Heinens Roasted No Salt Sunflower Kernel	10 oz	0-36232-07707-7	01/21/17 12/15/16
Amish Farms Roasted Salted Sunflower Kernel	5.5oz	8-55993-20018-6	02/25/17

Consumers are urged not to consume these products. Consumers who purchased these products may take them back to the store where they purchased them for a refund or simply discard them. Consumers seeking information may email askus2@hickoryharvest.com or call 1-877-237-4374 Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm Eastern Time.

Retailers and wholesale customers should check their inventories and shelves to confirm that none of the products are present or available for purchase by consumers or in warehouse inventories. Please contact Hickory Harvest at ataskus2@hickoryharvest.com to arrange for disposal or return of the product.

This recall is being conducted with the knowledge of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The Company provided the following statement:

"We are dedicated to producing the highest quality and safest snacks for our customers, as their safety is our top priority. Therefore, we are following the advice of our supplier and issuing a voluntary recall on certain sunflower kernel products that are potentially contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. Fortunately, there have been no consumer illnesses reported. Hickory Harvest Foods is working with its customers and the FDA to ensure the products are removed from commerce as quickly as possible."

About Hickory Harvest Foods

Hickory Harvest Foods, Inc., *The Good Snack People*, offers the largest selection of healthy and salty snacks in a variety of packaging options. Hickory Harvest Foods sells wholesale product under its own brand, the I.M. Good Snacks brand as well as private brands to grocery stores/mass retail, convenience/travel stores, distributors, food manufacturers, gift

companies and fundraising organizations. Located in Akron, Ohio since 1972, the company has a proud history of retaining long-time employees that are dedicated to producing the best quality in the industry.

*** 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/ucm499557.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.